

EMG Outings Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 04/13/2017

Meeting Time: 7:00 – 8:30

Meeting Location: Alpine Shop

Minutes submitted by: Terry Allen

Minutes Approved: 05/11/17

Attendees

Terry Allen, George Behrens, Marilyn Harlan, Doug Melville, Paul Ohlendorf, Jim Rhodes, Mark Schuermann

Minutes

There were no additions or corrections to the February minutes.

Old Business

A New Beginning

Doug M. introduced a draft of a new Outings Committee Meeting Protocol. It is drawn from Robert Rules of Order and is intended to bring more order and structure to meetings. Draft copies were distributed to the members. Some key points of the protocol are: 1) Each speaker is allowed a predetermined amount of time for their topic. 2) Speakers are allowed to speak uninterrupted. 3) Members may ask questions or make comments only when recognized by the speaker.

There was general discussion about how this would work. Some pros and cons were pointed out. Doug asked that the members consider this protocol and offer additional input at the May meeting.

Meetup Procedure

Jim R. presented the latest version of OCP-07. One minor addition was suggested. Jim R. will make this last change before the procedure is sent back to the Excom for approval.

Young Sierrans - Forming a Section

Doug M. reported that he had done some research on what a SC Section was and found that a Section was just another subset of the Sierra Club and was bound by SC rules just as a Group would be. When this came up at the February OC meeting, Janice Schweitzer presented the concept as being mostly independent of the main SC structure. 30:35 Doug M. will bring this up at the next Excom meeting.

New Business

Equality, Inclusion and Justice Training

Doug M. and Paul O. attended a SC workshop on this topic in Columbia MO. This is part of a National effort to broaden the SC base to include segments of the population that are not currently participating in SC events, to any significant extent.

Outings Photos On-line

Jim R. feels that there may be value in being able to post some outing photos on the EMG website. This can be easily done on the EMG Meetup website but currently there is no similar option for the EMG website. Paul O. says that there are many photos on the EMG facebook site.

Outings Leaders - Minimum Outings Per Year

Doug M. reintroduced this subject to get feedback from OC members. He would like to require outings leaders

to lead some minimum number of outings per year in order to remain an active EMG outings leader. He sees this as a way to encourage leaders to lead more outings. National requires at least one outing every four years. Doug thinks one per year would be a better number. The opinions offered by others at this meeting did not support this idea.

Leadership Training - On Tour

Doug M. reported that during a recent Chapter-wide conference call, some from other Groups mentioned that it was hard for them to get their outings leaders training. He is thinking that maybe the EMG could offer an additional training workshop in a more central area. At the next Chapter meeting Doug will inquire further about the need for this.

Forest ReLeaf of Missouri

Jim R. received a letter from Forest ReLeaf of Missouri, a non-profit tree nursery, asking if our group would want to get involved with their efforts. The letter was unclear about whether they were asking for manpower support or promotional help. The point was raised that if we help them, what do we tell the next organization that asks for the same. Jim R. will respond to the letter saying that we referred the matter to the Excom. Doug M. will bring this up at the next Excom meeting.

Trails Committee Report

Paul O. reported that June 3rd is National Trails Day. The next work week will be in October.

Outings Submissions

Mark S. reminded everyone that July and August outings are due by April 19.

First Aid Training

There was some general discussion about how often first aid training is required for outings leaders and what resources are available.

Earth Day Tabling

Paul O. asked if we should email leaders about helping with the SC informational booth. Doug M. will send emails about helping with the info booth and lemonade.

Next Meeting Date: May 11, 2017