

EMG Outings Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 08/10/17

Meeting Time: 7:00

Meeting Location: Alpine Shop

Minutes submitted by: Terry Allen

Minutes Approved: 09/14/17

Attendees

Terry Allen, George Behrens, Becky Denney, Marilyn Harlan, Paul Ohlendorf, Jim Rhodes, Mark Schuermann. Visiting: Charleen Walsh. Doug M. did not attend this meeting but he did provide reports by email, as noted below.

Minutes

There were no additions or corrections to the July minutes.

Old Business

First Aid Certification

Doug M. reported that the first aid certification process is in the works. Alpine Shop is contacting certified instructors and coordinating schedules. As soon as they are ready, Doug will be contacting 18 leaders who are doing outings from now until the first of November. They will need to select a class that they can attend. Alpine Shop is setting up two classes to cover this initial group.

Doug is taking a First Aid course from the Red Cross on August 6th. He will be taking the instructor course for First Aid on September 7 and 8, 2017.

George B. suggested that the OC offer first aid workshops and OLT-101 workshops on alternate years. This would be an efficient way to maintain Leaders 2-year first aid certificates.

Solar Eclipse

Doug M. reminds everyone that the Solar Eclipse is on Aug. 21st with totality occurring about 1:30 PM. Buy the glasses that are made for viewing the moon as it crosses in front of the sun. At totality, you need to remove the glasses to see the corona (Sun's atmosphere) and the dark night sky in the afternoon. As the moon leaves the sun, put your glasses back on to view the uncovering of the sun. Do not discard your glasses as 2024 is the next total eclipse with Cape Girardeau being the center of totality.

Becky D. reported that the Friends of Hawn will be helping with the viewing event at Hawn State Park. This will be the first official event for the Friends group. They are asking for volunteers to help with the event.

Clean Stream

Paul Olendorf contacted the Open Space Council and they are requesting that the Sierra Club clean up the Meramec river between Castlewood State Park and Greentree Park, a distance of 4.5 miles.

Jim R. reported that Del Kelso is going to lead a SC outing for this year's Clean Stream event. We need to get it announced. Jim R. will forward the info to Mark S. who will send an email to Outings Leaders. Participants will be required to sign up on the Open Space Council website.

Trails Committee

Becky D. reported on the July 15th "Introduction to Trails Protection" workshop. There were 22 in attendance. Fourteen were participants and eight were support/presenter people. An interest survey was distributed but they didn't get very many back.

Upcoming are a Hawn Trails Planning event on September 16th and October Trail Week beginning October 14th.

New Business

Cliff Cave Park

Doug M. reported that Great Rivers Greenway has started work at Cliff Cave Park with the addition of two bridges; one that crosses over Cliff Cave Road and a second that links both halves of the park by crossing over the stream that comes out of the cave. Both bridges are for pedestrian use only (bikers, strollers, wheelchairs and walkers). The new trail will be paved so that everyone will have access to the park.

Outing Submissions

Mark S. is collecting outings for November and December. The due date is Aug 23rd. Jim R. talked about the need for more weekend outings.

Next Meeting Date: 09/14/17