

EMG Outings Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 02/08/18

Meeting Time: 7:00

Meeting Location: Alpine Shop

Minutes submitted by: Terry Allen

Minutes Approved: 03/08/18

Attendees

Becky Denney, Marilyn Harlan, Doug Melville, Paul Ohlendorf, Jim Rhodes

Minutes

There were no additions or corrections to the January minutes.

Old Business

Outing Leader Workshop January 20, 2018, Results

Doug M. reported that there were 28 attendees. Twenty were current leader maintaining their certification. Eight were new attendees. Four of these were from the White Water Group. The food choices were well received. George B. submitted several suggestions for improving the presentations, as well as, some compliments. Becky D. cautioned that we have to be careful about criticizing people who are volunteering their time. Generally, everyone agreed that this was one of our better workshops. Caitlin Zera is working on the videos of the workshop and will post them on the EMG website when they are completed.

Outing Leader Appreciation Dinner

The date for the dinner is March 24th. Seven outstanding leaders will be awarded \$50 Alpine Shop gift certificates. The Alpine Shop will sponsor some or all of the cost of the gift certificates. The EMG will cover whatever amount the Alpine Shop doesn't.

New Business

Hikers and Bikers working together on Missouri Trails

There was some discussion about hikers and mountain bikers working together to plan for more multi-use trails in the Ozark National Scenic Riverways. This topic should be tabled until a meeting with Caroline Pufalt to discuss this issue.

Conservation Event February 27, 2018

Doug M. reported that the date for this event is being changed. It will probably be moved to April.

Trails Committee Report

The change of the date for the Conservation Gala may affect the Trails Committee plan for their hiking workshop. Becky D. also reported that she is concerned because there are no trails outings on the current schedule. Apparently, the usual leaders are tied up with other obligations or issues. The feeling was that our existing leaders are spread too thin.

Missouri Chapter Meeting - Feb 3, 2018

Doug M. attended the last meeting in Columbia Missouri. The Chapter has many new officers. They will be led by Ross Hunt as the Chairman.

Pets on Hikes

Doug M. pointed out that the EMG, which doesn't allow pets on hikes, is out of sync with National, which does not prohibit pets. Doug is proposing that EMG modify their position to allow pets on hikes as long as the outing is publicized as pet friendly.

Trail Maintenance at Don Robinson SP

This event is scheduled for February 22 – 24. For more information contact Rick Schweitzer.

Operation Clean Stream

Jim R. talked about this event and thinks someone should attend the initial meeting on March 10th. Jim can't attend because he will be out of town. Doug M. volunteered to attend.

Missouri White Water Races

Jonathan Lehmann is still looking for volunteers to do judging.

Meetup

Paul O. spent some time talking about Meetup and how successful it has been for promoting outings.

Encouraging New Leaders

Paul O. thinks we should contact the new people who attended the leaders workshop and encourage them to actually lead outings. He felt that suggesting ideas for outings to new leaders could be helpful. New leaders might help to attract some younger participants.

Publishing Outings in the SierraScape

There was some discussion on the practicality of using the SierraScape for promoting outings now that the publication frequency has dropped to twice a year. Various ideas for options were suggested.

Next Meeting Date: 03/08/18