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The first activity of the New Year will be a hike on Brady Mountain in Cumberland County on January 9. The new Sierra Club Chapter in Nashville will join us in this activity. The rendezvous time will be 9 a.m. CST at Cumberland Mountain State Park. The Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 that evening at the new dining lodge in the Park.

As usual, it is impossible to avoid a conflict with our activities. The Board of Directors of the Izaak Walton League of America will hold an open meeting in Gatlinburg the afternoon of Jan. 9 to air conservation issues in the Smoky Mountains. The Sierra Club, Smoky Mountains Hiking Club, and TCWP are on the program.

We re-elected all the officers at the annual meeting on Dec. 12 at Cove Lake. In case you have forgotten who they are, Donald Todd of Wartburg is president; Robert D. Brown, Nashville, vice-president; Mrs. David Hassler, Byrdstown, recording secretary, and Mrs. John McIntyre, Oak Ridge, corresponding secretary-treasurer. Richard Wooten of Nashville was elected to a three-year term on the Board and E. W. Means, Oak Ridge, will fill the unexpired term of F. R. Bruce, who resigned. Roy Hall of Crossville is the holdover director, with one year to go.

We failed to get enough votes to ratify the proposed amendment to the constitution, providing for local chapters of TTA. Our members are urged to return the postal card ballot which was mailed with the November issue of Tennessee Trails. If you have lost the card, please drop a note to Corresponding Secretary Susan McIntyre, P. O. Box 733, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830. When two thirds of the membership has voted for the amendment, it will become effective.

Susan also asks us to report that she mails the Newsletter, TENNESSEE TRAILS, which is published by Evan Means. Please send changes of address, requests for mailing, and news to Box 733.

The new Cumberland Trail patches were shown at the annual meeting. They will be sold to the members and will be given to Boy or Girl Scouts who work a total of 24 hours on the Trail.

Susan McIntyre reported that TTA's bank balance was \$183.07 on the date of the annual meeting. She had \$12.00 in undeposited dues and had received a total of \$74.00 in 1971 dues at that time. The CT patches had been paid for.

John McIntyre reported that people were working on all sections of the trail between Lake City and Oliver Springs. The section in Cumberland Gap National Historical Park is complete. Several units had scheduled clearing sessions during the Holidays.

Bill Hess, recreational planner, is studying the trails in Cherokee National Forest and would like any suggestions. Write to him at U.S. Forest Service, P.O. Box 400, Cleveland, Tenn.

President Todd reported that the Cumberland Chapter of the Sierra Club would like to connect trails in Kentucky with our John Muir Trail in Tennessee.