



TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

INC.

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MINUTES FIRST QUARTER BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 1996

The meeting was held at the Department of Environment and Conservation in Nashville.

Present

Harold Draper
Jim Poteet
Judy Cleary
Evelyn Tretter
Ray and Martye Burkett
Bertha Chrietberg

Bessie Daniel
Mary Kelly
James Neblett
Libby Francis
Mile Harvey
Judith Bartlow

Absent

Debbie Gilbert
Ninez Giles
Paul Miller
Jeannie
Chambers

Also Present

Bob Richards
Bob Barnett
Arleen Barnett
Mark Hall
Rob Weber
Bob Brown
Gina Daniel

A motion was passed to have the treasurer put a minimum of \$3000 or more (as the treasurer sees fit) into a Vanguard GMNA account from life memberships, the money to be used for projects rather than operating expenses.

Bob Richards, state coordinator for Trails Day, June 1, passed out copies of a manual for projects to observe the day. Richards said that grants are available for projects from the National Trails Association and other sources. Call Richards at 532-0753 for more information.

Richards said the 13th National Trails Symposium will be held in Washington D. C. March 9-12.

Chapter Reports: Crossville - This new chapter was organized at a January meeting with 33 people present in spite of snow. The chapter has been named the Plateau Chapter. Uppper Cumberland - A good Christmas party was reported. Nashville - Libby Francis reported on plans for thi year's annual meeting, to be hosted by the Nashville chapter and held at Cedars of Lebanon State Park Nov. 15, 16 and 17. It was reported that the chapter members will meet with the Murfreesboro Department of Parks and Recreation to work out a plan for the chapter to help maintain the Stones River Trail, which connects three sections of the Stones River Battlefield. Formal opening of the trail will take place June 1 - Trails Day. The chapter will have a work day May 4 on the Twin Forks Trail. Call Harvey at 615-893-9594 for more information. Memphis - A good Christmas party was reported. East Tennessee - Twenty-one people showed up for two hikes in the snow. The chapter has adopted the Hemlock Bluff Trail. Clarksville - Several Christmas parties were held. Hikes are scheduled for nearly every week this year. The chapter has been asked to help maintain the Rotary Park trails.

Murfreesboro

A motion was passed to give the Plateau Chapter \$100 to help them with starting expenses..

A motion was passed to refund to the Nashville Chapter \$900 which the chapter deposited with Cedars of Lebanon State Park to hold all the cabins for the annual meeting, money for those not used to be refunded by the park.

It was suggested that the Nashville Chapter consider building an access trail at Indiantown Bluff Trail at Ashland City, on Corps of Engineers land, from the boat ramp to where the portion of the trail now on private land joins the Corps land. Bessie Daniel will discuss the matter with Corps personnel and report at the next meeting.

A motion was passed that it is the pleasure of the board to request each chapter to have a project for Trails Day, June 1, and also for Earth Day, April 22.

Rob Weber said more volunteers are needed for the Breakaway project. Also donations of supplies and tools are needed for trail work. Call him at 615-952-2949 to donate time (1/2 day up to 6 days) or supplies or tools.

A motion was passed to pay up to \$150 for supplies and \$480 for cabin rent, unused portion to be refunded.

Text of the new proposed TTA brochure, written by Debbie Gilbert, was approved.

The president, Harold Draper, ^{proposed} three goals for the association: (1) provide liability insurance, (2) make people who are responsible for trails more aware of TTA and (3) improve the Adopt-a-Trail program. The president will appoint a committee to investigate conditions contingent on these issues and make recommendations.

Bob Brown reported on the proposed Wildlife Diversity ^{Initiative} Funding tax at the wholesale level on equipment related to observing wildlife, to provide more funding for non-game animal issues, including habitat.

A motion was passed to adopt a resolution toward promotion of the Wildlife Diversity Initiative Funding tax. Bob Brown will write an official TTA letter to the proper person.

Bob Barnett described proposals to change the operation of Land Between the Lakes. He asked that TTA members have input. He recommended that the area be operated with 50% income and 50% federal funds and that the original concept be maintained - to make LBL "a national demonstration area for natural resource protection" with minimum impact on the environment, termed "Option 0."

A motion was passed to support recommendations by Bob Barnett to operate Land Between the Lakes with 50% income and 50% federal funds and to maintain the original concept to make it "a national demonstration area for natural resource protection" with minimum impact on the environment, designated "Option 0."

Persons may write their opinion to Ann Wright, General Manager,

LBL, Golden Pond, Ky. Bob Barnett and Jim Poteet will write an official letter for the association.

Harold Draper and Judith Bartlow recused themselves from the vote on this motion.

The president said the next meeting will be held on May 18 at Cumberland Mountain State Park.

Evelyn Tretter, recording secretary

Correction: Date of this year's National Trails Day is June 1, not June 2, as reported in the Nov. 5, 1995, minutes.