



# TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Cumberland Mountain State Park

Dec. 2, 1972

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The fifth annual meeting of the TTA was held at Cumberland Mountain State Park at 10:00 A.M., Dec. 2, 1972 with Pres. Donald Todd presiding. Thirty-two members, guests and representatives of other organizations attended.

Minutes of the 1971 annual meeting were read by Rec. Sec. Robbie Hassler and following four minor corrections, were approved as read.

A report of the Corres. Sec.-Treas. Donald Todd, Jr. indicated that we had a balance of \$116.94 in the treasury. He gave the membership list as follows: 91 regular, 11 supporting, 1 life and 17 students.

A motion was made by Evan Means that the TTA conduct a mail ballot of members for the purpose of amending the constitution and by-laws. The motion in effect was to make the outgoing president a member of the board of directors and to make the by-laws easier changed by a two thirds majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting or any meeting called by the board for this purpose. The motion carried.

Based on the success of past Trail Seminars, Bob Brown suggested that the TTA sponsor a similar meeting to be held for a two or three day period. Fall Creek Falls State Park was selected as the site-the third weekend in March as the date.

Pres. Todd proposed a schedule of two activities per month- one for the eastern part of the state and one for the western part. The purpose of this would be to stimulate interest in the TTA in West Tenn. and to make it more convenient for members in that area to participate actively.

Following a luncheon break the meeting continued with a report on the "Green Belt Strip Recreation Trail" at Oak Ridge, by Lily Rose Claiborne. She expressed hope that it will be included in the National Trails System.



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Trail reports on the progress of the Cumberland Trail were generally encouraging. They were as follows: Evan Means, for the Anderson County area, said the section from Lake City to Popular Creek Gap was cleared or marked. Donald Todd, for the Frozen Head State Park area, reported that a partial reroute has been selected and marked. Bob Brown, for the Grassy Cove area, stated that the trail is cleared from Low Gap to the head of Sequatchie River and that an inaugural hike is planned in the near future. David Rhyne, for the Sequatchie Valley area, discussed the possibility of routing the CT in a loop around the valley and tying in with existing "Pocket Wilderness Trails" constructed by Hiwassee Land Co., who owns land in the area. The trail would eventually be linked with existing trails through Prentice Cooper State Forest.

Bill Stutz, of the Tri State Hiking Club, gave some enthusiastic comments on volunteer construction of hiking trails and commended the TTA for its effort to establish the Cumberland Trail.

A very good report was given by Gordon Newland on the Trail of The Lonesome Pine. He said the trail, located generally atop the Clinch Mountain, has been divided into six sections and that section work leaders from the Tennessee Eastman Hiking Club have been appointed. He added that the entire 35.5 miles have been marked and in addition to the TEHC members, three Boy Scout troops will be working the trail.

The Trail Of Tears report was given by Ed Oliver, who said the trail has been located in Bradley County and that co-operation from the Cherokee Red Clay Association was being received.

The nominating committee consisting of Grimes Slaughter, Ruth Slusher and John McIntyre, submitted the following slate of candidates: For President, Donald Todd, Sr. and David Rhyne- for Vice-president, Bob Brown- for Recording Secretary, Mrs. David Hassler- for Corresponding Secretary & Treasurer, Donald Todd, Jr- for Director, three year term, Evan Means. David Rhyne, receiving a majority of votes was elected President. The remaining candidates were elected by acclamation.



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State Trails Administrator Joe Gaines, giving a talk on trails to be included in the state trails system, said they must have uniform marking, be made available to the public and should be made secure for the users. He asked for the help of TTA members in implementing the trails, in planning, acquisition, development and administration.

A demonstration on hypothermia was given by Ed Casey. With the aid of a film strip and a display of protective clothing etc., he very effectively informed the audience of the dangers in cold weather hiking if one is unprepared.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

*Mrs. David Hassler*

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