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Cumberland Mountain State Park
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Eight members of the Tennessee Trails Association met at the entrance of Cumberland Mountain State Park Feb. 17, 1973 then drove to Hinch Gap where they were joined by two young boys who volunteered to help in the clearing of a section of the Cumberland Trail lying in that area. Weather and working conditions were good and the group cleared approximately one and one-half miles of trail from the Hell Hole to within one-half mile of Browns Gap.

Following dinner at the park restaurant a board of directors meeting was held at 6:30 P.M. with newly elected President David Rhyne in charge. Past Pres. Donald Todd, Vice-pres. Bob Brown, Rec. Sec. Robbie Hassler, Dir. Evan Means and four other members were present.

The first order of business was a discussion of a possible minor revision of the presently used TTA brochure and it's reprint. It was decided that Evan Means would assume the responsibility of seeing that 2,000 would be reprinted at the cost of \$63.00.

Four resolutions that were presented at the Inter-group Conference on Tennessee Environmental Issues were read by Pres. David Rhyne. The first resolution, regarding the limiting of off-road vehicle use in state parks, natural areas, scenic trails and scenic rivers, was adopted and signed by all board members. Although the members as individuals supported the other three resolutions, it was decided that the TTA would remain neutral because of a possible conflict of interagency relationships. These three pertained to National Park Service administration of the Obed River System under the terms of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and the preservation of the Duck River in it's free flowing state.



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Pres. Rhyne presented plans for having a trails handbook published with the aid of Donald Todd, Sr. Joe Gaines, Ed Casey and any other TTA member who may have valuable information to contribute. This handbook which would contain information on implementation of the State Trails Act, route selection, construction, trail marking, maintenance and the use of Tennessee trails, would be published for use by hikers and trail workers.

New member Walter Williams, of the Great American Publishing Company in Chattanooga, told of his plans to publish a Guidebook to Hiking and expressed a desire to work closely with such organizations as the TTA. He was assured of our cooperation.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Mrs. David Hassler

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