

TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION
CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN STATE PARK
DECEMBER 7, 1974

The annual meeting of the TTA was held at Cumberland Mtn. State Park Dec. 7, 1974 at 10:00 A.M. Twenty-eight members, officers and guests attended.

President Lily Rose Claiborne opened the meeting by reviewing the work done by TTA in the past year. She stated that the hosting of the Nationals Trails Council, Southeast Region, meeting was the most outstanding accomplishment.

Dave Rhyne reported that the NTC meeting was a success and had an attendance of 105 people representing 13 states and 45 different organizations.

Bob Brown proposed that TTA send an official letter of thanks to the Bowater Company for their aid in the NTC meeting. This was agreed upon by all members present.

A report on the Trail Of The Lonesome Pine was given by Gordon Newland. He said that some opposition has been encountered to the states acquisition of easements over private land. He stated that approximately seventy percent of the land owners were agreeable and thirty percent were definitely opposed to it.

Donald Todd reported that the CT is open for hiking from just north of Oliver Springs to Cove Lake--also the Brady Mountain section.

Evan Means gave a report for John McIntyre on the north section of the CT, stating that the part from Cove Lake to Lake City was open to hikers. He suggests an alternate route because of difficulties encountered there.

from Oliver Spr. to Roosevelt Mtn because of difficult terrain encountered in that area.
A report was given for Joe Gaines by David Shupe. He said that the purchase of rights of way was underway for the CT and the Chickasaw Trail. He also said that he expected a part of the CT route would be given to the state trails system by the city of Signal Mountain-- this being the section located in that area. According to David the Natchez Trace Trail will be constructed so it may be used by bike and horse riders as well as hikers.

It was reported that nothing has been done on the Trail Of Tears, however Stan Gorin expressed interest in establishing the original route as near as possible. A motion was made and approved that Mr Gorin serve as co-chairman with Ed Oliver

on the Trail Of Tears committee.

David Rhyne said the trails manual will soon be ready for printing.

Two changes to the by-laws were proposed by ~~Evan Means~~ ^{The Board}, and motions passed to the effect that membership dues be raised from \$3.00 to \$5.00 leaving students dues at \$1.00, and that the annual meeting be held sometime in the last quarter of the year instead of the month of December.

A report of the nominating committee was given by Bob Brown. The following were elected by acclamation to serve as officers for the year 1975: President--Evan Means; Vice-president--Bob Brown; Recording Secretary--Evelyn Treader; and Corresponding Secretary-treasurer--Dot Lingerfelt.

A paper ballot was held to elect two directors from four candidates. David Rhyne was elected to a three year term, and Gordon Newland was elected to fill the unexpired term of Evan Means. The other candidates were Russell Jarrell and Raymond Hill.

President Claiborne suggested that the TTA ask for an input in the selection of the commissioner of conservation, providing there is a vacancy created by the change of state governmental administration. A motion was passed to authorize the president elect and the corresponding secretary to draft a letter to the governor elect asking for such.

Evan Means told of receiving a letter from the National Trails Council expressing desire to hold their annual meeting in Tennessee during the next year. Donald Todd proposed sending a letter of invitation to the NTC from the TTA asking them to consider the Oak Ridge area. A resolution was agreed upon to this effect.

Activities chairman, Bob Brown, gave a tentative schedule of monthly activities for the coming year.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebbie Hassler

Recording secretary TTA.

ATTENDANCE AT DECEMBER 7, 1974, ANNUAL MEETING

Evan Means
Bill Stutz
Pat Rhyne
David Rhyne
David Hassler
Virginia Means
Grimes Slaughter
Ruth Slusher
Stan Gorin
Don Todd, Sr.
Dot Lingerfelt
Anna Meyer
Elizabeth Cade
Bessie Shelton
David Shupe
Joe Lee Smith
Polly Haydon
Tod Haydon
M. V. Otis
Dick Ardell
Gordon Newland
Lily Rose Claiborne
Kay Hultquist
Virginia Weyler
Robbie Hassler