



# TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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## MINUTES SECOND QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING MAY 3, 1975

The second quarterly Board meeting of the TTA was held on Saturday, May 3, 1975, at the Gray Badger Inn, Kingston, Tennessee. The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. EST by Evan Means. Those present were:

Evan Means, President  
Dot Lingerfelt, Corresponding Secretary  
Don Todd, Sr., Director  
Gordon Newland, Director  
Dave Rhyne, Director  
Pat Rhyne

The first item on the agenda was a discussion of the value of incorporating the Association in light of the recent legislation concerning the right of eminent domain and other legislation affecting the trails system in Tennessee. It was unanimously agreed that Evan would get legal assistance in drawing up the proper document for the incorporation of TTA as soon as possible,

We again discussed the increase in membership dues for the National Trails Council. After some discussion, it was decided to write the Council for more information on the benefits that would be derived from membership in the organization--voting rights, representation on the Board, long-range plans for assistance to state trail programs, etc. It was also suggested that we mention our disappointment in not having the fall symposium in Oak Ridge.

Evan read a letter he received from the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club concerning the bill for wilderness designation in the Smokies which has been introduced in the Senate (S 1104). It calls for the protection of 390,000 acres but contains no provisions for closing to public vehicles the long road corridors extending into the backcountry. The exclusion of these corridors from the wilderness was recommended by the NPS. Under this bill a mere administrative decision can open these corridors to a flood of motorized vehicles. That is why it is extremely important that these corridors be included in the wilderness and limited to essential management uses as recommended in the citizens proposal. The citizens proposal has been included in an omnibus bill prepared by the Wilderness Society and introduced in the House as HR 5823. The bill will be introduced in the Senate in the near future. A pamphlet is being published to promote the wilderness proposal. The Board agreed that we should order 500 copies of the pamphlet for

distribution to our members and for use in contacting other persons and organizations to support the proposal. A check for \$25 will be sent to The Great Smokies Park Wilderness Advocates to cover the cost of the pamphlets plus a token for mailing expense.

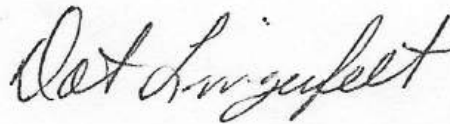
The International Backpackers Association is sponsoring a "One for the Trail" program starting July 1, 1975, and continuing until July 4, 1976. TTA will prepare a news release concerning the program and circulate it among the newspapers in Tennessee as a kickoff for the July 1 starting date. Each organization that wishes to participate will make a direct report to IBA in Maine. TTA will request that each chairman of a trail or portion of a trail make a quarterly report of man-hours worked. We will make a final report to IBA on July 4, 1976.

Evan again urged everyone to contact our Congressmen and Senators regarding the legislation affecting our wilderness areas and trails system.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

A financial report for the period ending May 3, 1975, is enclosed.

A copy of an up-to-date membership list is also enclosed for those who were unable to attend the meeting.



Dot Lingerfelt

CC: Evan Means  
Bob Brown  
Don Todd, Sr.  
Gordon Newland  
Dave Rhyne  
Lily Rose Claiborne  
Evelyn Tretter