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# TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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## MINUTES FIRST QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

The meeting was hosted by Grimes Slaughter and Ruth Slusher at the Braski cottage on Watts Bar Lake at Rockwood, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Present: Grimes Slaughter  
Bill Stutz  
Don Todd  
Evan Means  
Dave & Pat Rhyne  
Ruth Slusher  
Evelyn Tretter  
Dorothy Lingerfelt

Absent: Dave Stidham  
Gordon Newland

There was a discussion of landowner agreements. Various stipulations were suggested. Grimes Slaughter, Dave Rhyne, Evan Means and Don Todd will meet on March 29 with Dave Shupe of the Department of Conservation to work out details. Work on getting these agreements will start immediately on the north Cumberland Trail. It was suggested that landowners who give easements be recognized in some way.

The president presented a plan for a TTA library which had been proposed by a member of the Nashville Chapter, Bill Hager. The board approved this plan and it will be carried out as soon as a librarian can be found. Volunteers will be solicited through the "Tennessee Trails" newsletter.

It was announced that House Bill 199 had been introduced in the legislature to provide rangers for trails on private lands.

It was also announced that Joe Gaines, state trails administrator, had appointed Pete Ostrowski, TTA member who lives in Chattanooga, to represent the Department of Conservation at the North Carolina trails symposium to be held April 22-23.

The president stated that Gordon Newland, TTA chairman of the Trail of the Lonesome Pine, had asked the Department of Conservation to secure private citizens to contact landowners for easements for this trail. A couple who live in the area have been obtained.

Bill Stutz reported that three TTA members, i.e., Dot Ventress, Elizabeth Cade and himself, and Bessie Shelton of the Tri-State Trail Club, had attended the meeting on Lookout Mountain trails at De Soto State Park.

The president read a proposal of the Nashville Chapter to sponsor and supervise hikes for school age children. Al Lookofsky is coordinator of this planned activity to be worked out in the near future.

Dorothy Lingerfelt reported 112 paid memberships this year, 49 of them in the Nashville Chapter. Bill Stutz, membership chairman, reported he has been placing brochures at strategic locations, such as state parks.

Evelyn Tretter asked that by-laws for local chapters be considered. The consensus was that the state by-laws can be amended to cover chapters, so that all chapters would have the same guidelines. The president will appoint a committee to present such amendment at the annual meeting.

Plans were made to designate April 23 "Don Todd Day." Ceremonies will be held preceding the wildflower hike at Frozen Head on that date.

The group enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Ruth Slusher.



Evelyn Tretter, Recording Secretary