



TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

INC.

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July 16, 1977

MINUTES THIRD QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

The meeting was hosted by Grimes Slaughter and Ruth Slusher and held beside the lake at Braski cottage on Watts Bar Lake at Rockwood, beginning at 12:00 noon.

Present: Grimes Slaughter, president
Don Todd
Gordon Newland
Dave and Pat Rhyne
Evan and Virginia Means
Dave and Tana Shupe
Ruth Slushêr
Evelyn Tretter
Dot Lingerfelt

Absent: Bill Stutz
Dave Stidham

Gordon Newland reported at length on the progress of the Trail of the Lonesome Pine. He stated that the state had employed Mrs. Elmer Bostick, a resident of the area, to work full-time on getting easement agreements. She is assisted by her husband. They had already contacted 80% of the landowners and obtained agreements from 87% of those contacted - or 430 agreements in the first 36 miles. Mr. Newland said there remained only two difficult spots, where landowners on both sides had refused easements, but he felt the problem could be worked out. He displayed aerial survey maps of the entire trail. He expects the trail to be open by the end of 1977. Ten miles will be built and marked in the very near future.

The Board voted a "Well Done" commendation to Mr. Newland.
amendment

The following/to the by-laws was approved by the board and will be presented for vote at the annual meeting on November 22.

7. Officers for Local Chapters--The members of a local chapter may, at their discretion, elect a chairman, a vice chairman and a secretary and treasurer. The conditions of office shall be the same as set forth in the constitution of the Tennessee Trails Association for officers of the association.

The president stated that Joe Gaines, state trails administrator, had discussed with him the desirability of having the TTA annual meeting at the same site as a proposed state trails symposium the week of Nov. 22, and having a joint session with TTA. This will be discussed further.

Dave Shupe, State Conservation Department coordinator for the Cumberland Trail, stated that two U.T. agriculture graduates had been employed

for the summer by the state to clear and regrade the boundary trail at Frozen Head Natural Area.

Mr. Shupe presented a landowner easement agreement between the American Company and TTA, which he had drawn up. He was in favor of tailoring each agreement to fit the situation, with the American Company agreement to be the extreme in detail, down to simple verbal agreements.

Attorney David Gray of Nashville will be asked to pass on the legality of the agreement, and to examine the TTA charter to be sure making such agreements is within the limits of the charter.

* The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. after which the group enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Ruth Slusher.

Evelyn Tretter, Recording Secretary

Note: No meeting was held during the second quarter.

* Rating of trails as proposed by Russell Fryer was not acted upon, as the group felt that a rating system for trails is not feasible