



TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES
FIRST QUARTER BOARD MEETING
March 10, 1979

The meeting was held at the home of Joe Gaines, president, in Nashville, after a hamburger supper hosted by Mr. Gaines.

Present: Joe Gaines, president
Russell Fryer, vice president
Dot Lingerfelt, corresponding
secretary, treasurer
Evelyn Tretter, recording
secretary
Dave Stidham, director
Evan Means, director
Harry Williamson
Sharen Patterson
John Hart

Absent: Grimes Slaughter
Bill Stutz
Don Todd

The president said he had attended a meeting in February with the new commissioner of Conservation, Ann Tuck. Subjects discussed were:

1. Policy for Savage Gulf. Hunting will take a secondary place in the state area, but will not be entirely eliminated. Provision will be made for rock climbers at Savage and other locations.
2. Accelerated program on Cumberland Trail.
3. More aggressive enforcement of surface mining regulations.
4. More attention to maintenance of trails in state parks and forests, and to the general environment outside developed areas.
5. Employment of person to do bikeway plan and implementation.

The president reported that it had been a very good meeting.

Motorized off-road vehicles were discussed. It was agreed that this section of the public must be served on public lands but needs much more control.

The group agreed to a suggestion by the president that a reception be given for the new commissioner of Conservation, for Col. Tenner of the Corps of Engineers, and possibly some other honorees, in late April or early May. TTA will be sponsor and do leg work. The cost will be about \$30. Other environmental organizations would also contribute.

Objective: To promote, construct, and maintain a state-wide system of hiking trails, and to work for the conservation of natural resources inherent to this objective.

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It was suggested to the editor of the newsletter that a subscription blank for the Tennessee Conservationist be enclosed. Another suggestion was for the enclosure of special releases on various subjects. The editor and president will decide this matter.

Ways were discussed to give TTA more publicity. Dave Stidham will put together a slide show.

An effort will be launched to form more local chapters. Local contacts will be made by the president. Memphis was suggested as a desirable area for a chapter, as well as the eastern Highland Rim and adjoining Plateau area.

It was pointed out that the obtaining of easements for the Cumberland Trail has somewhat bogged down. Harry Williamson, state trails administrator, will take measures to push this project.

The president proposed a plan of action on a statewide bike touring system. He will get in touch with bike clubs for suggestions and action. Possibly the state would give TTA the money and TTA would contract with someone to do the plans. An effort will be made to get a resolution on this passed in the legislature.

Plans for a Fourth State Trails seminar are being made.

The president suggested that the trails classification list be refined. He will implement this.

The president said he would like for TTA to get into an awards program for those who had made outstanding contributions to trail work.

The next meeting will be held at the president's business office on May 18, in Nashville, in the evening (tentatively). Later announcement will be made.

Evelyn Tretter
Recording Secretary

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A motion was passed to make Governor Lamar Alexander an honorary member of TTA, and that he be given a plaque and complimented on his walk across the state during his campaign.