



# TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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## MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING October 27, 1979

The meeting was held at Standing Stone State Park on October 27, 1979, during the Fourth Annual Trails Symposium. About 30 members were present.

President Joe Gaines gave his annual report to the membership.

He said that communications between the president and the membership had improved, with messages from the president being included in the newsletter.

He listed several activities the association has engaged in this year.

1. The association had recommended to the Department of Conservation that camping in state parks be improved by providing more primitive camping areas without electric hookups and glaring lights, and by taking steps to keep noise and lights down in all camping areas. It was also recommended that some kind of hangers be provided for lanterns, to keep trees from being damaged by hanging lanterns thereon.
2. A telegram had been sent to President Carter asking him to veto the Energy and Water Bill, which contains an amendment exempting the Tellico Dam from federal law.
3. Letters had been sent to Congressmen, senators and the president asking support of the proposed Cumberland Plateau National Forest.
4. The association has supported a state bottle bill, helping to publicize the issue and urging support for such a bill when the legislature meets again.
5. The association had co-sponsored and coordinated a reception at Cheekwood in Nashville for Conservation Department officials.
6. A plaque and honorary membership will be presented to Gov. Lamar Alexander for his walk across the state during his election campaign last year.
7. The association has co-sponsored the Fourth Annual Trails Symposium with the Department of Conservation.

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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9. Monthly hikes have been sponsored.  
\* 10.

Diane Davidson reported on a proposed program of hikes for 1980. A complete list will appear in the newsletter.

The president said that a push is being made for local chapters to be formed in various parts of the state.

A motion was passed to have promotional posters printed.

A motion was passed to look into the feasibility of life memberships.

The following amendments to the by-laws were passed.

No. 5 was changed to make yearly dues \$3.00 for students instead of \$1.00.

No. 8 was added, reading as follows: "The Board of Directors of the Association may designate one person or organization per year to receive an official award. Any voting member can make a nomination to the Board for the receipt of this award. The award is to be presented for outstanding contributions to the association, or for the furtherance of trails and natural resource programs and opportunities within Tennessee. Provided, however, the Board can designate three (3) recipients at the time of the adoption of this amendment. The award shall be titled the Tennessee Trails Award."

Tennessee Trails Awards were presented to Paul Adams, Evan Means and Bill Stutz (in absentia).

The president stated that an adopt-a-trail program has been suggested for the association. It would involve local groups being responsible for maintenance and clean-up of certain trails or sections of trails. Also it had been suggested that bumper decals and TTA T-shirts be sold. These matters will receive further consideration.

The following officers were elected for 1980:

President, Joe Gaines  
Vice President, Dave Stidham  
Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer, Dot Lingerfelt  
Recording Secretary, Evelyn Tretter  
Director (to replace Don Todd, whose term had expired),  
Bertha Chrietberg, for three-year term

Evelyn Tretter, Recording Secretary



- \*10. The president said he is working with Commissioner Tuck on problems with back-country trails in Mee-man-Shelby State Forest.