



TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

INC.

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MINUTES

FIRST QUARTER BOARD MEETING

February 17, 1980

The meeting was held at Cumberland Mountain State Park, beginning at 11 a.m.

Present:	Joe Gaines	Dave Stidham	Absent:	Grimes Slaughter
	Dot Lingerfelt	Harry Williamson		
	Evan Means	Bertha Crietzberg		
	Virginia Means	Evelyn Tretter		
	Sam Powell	Terry Bonham		

The president, Joe Gaines, suggested that a membership list and workshop papers from the 1979 Tennessee Trails Symposium held at Standing Stone State Park be offered to members for 50¢ a copy, to be announced in the newsletter.

The president reported briefly on the Heritage Conservation and Recreation meeting on trails which he had attended in Atlanta.

The following resolution was adopted:

"Life memberships in the Tennessee Trails Association, Inc., will be available to individuals for a fee of \$125 until December 31, 1980; thereafter, life membership fees will be \$150. Life membership will entitle individuals to full benefits of the association for their lifetime."

The following motion was passed:

"Receipts from life membership payments shall be placed in a bank account, trust fund, investment certificate, or other financial arrangement. The principal shall not be utilized to fund Association operating expenses. The interest accrued from the investment of these funds may be used for these operating expenses; provided, however, life membership funds may be utilized to finance club projects which are set up to return the original amount plus interest to the investment fund. The approval of the Board of Directors must be obtained prior to the use of these funds for club projects. Funds from sources other than life memberships may be placed in the investment fund and shall be subject to the same restrictions on their use as are life membership payments."

Potential fund raising projects were suggested, including selling survival kits, art prints, notepaper, Christmas cards and T shirts. Bertha Chrietzberg will investigate having an artist do a suitable drawing for making prints, which might also be reproduced on notepaper. She will also get information on T shirts. Evelyn Tretter suggested that small, simple greeting cards with line drawings and holiday greeting at a low price would sell well.

These suggested projects will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Joe Gaines and Dave Stidham will serve as a committee to make recommendations on a dues increase at the next board meeting.

Plans for the 1980 annual meeting were discussed. It was suggested that a weekend meeting be held, combining business and recreation. tentative date Oct. 17-19; possible site, Ocoee area, Cherokee National Forest. Bertha Chrietzberg will report on available accommodations at the next board meeting.

It was announced that a Murfreesboro TTA chapter is being formed, to roughly include Rutherford, Wilson, Bedford, Cannon, Coffee and Warren Counties. It was suggested that members will have the privilege of affiliation with or attending meetings of whichever chapter they choose. It was also suggested that the Nashville and Murfreesboro Chapters coordinate their hikes, with each chapter furnishing some of the leaders.

Sam Powell, TTA member from Chattanooga, who has been the leader in building 12 miles of the Cumberland Trail beginning at Signal Point, the southern terminal, presented the problem that exists in obtaining easements for the next section, across the property of the Carter Patton family. Mr. Powell is actively engaged in trying to work this out. As the situation stands, the Pattons are in Chancery Court to challenge a denial of a permit from the State Water Quality Board to allow them to strip mine coal on a portion of their property. Mr. Powell was hopeful that something could be worked out to allow the trail to go forward.

Harry Williamson, state chief of natural resources area planning, said that the central and northern portions of the Cumberland Trail is now under the overall supervision of Mike Dahl, with Bob Richards being responsible for the project southward from Bledsoe County, Mr. Dahl to supervise the northern portion. Fourteen miles were recently built in three months on the north section.

Mr. Gaines suggested that an up-to-date map of the trail be made, showing status of the various sections.

Mr. Williamson said the securing of easements and trail work would be done by the means most suitable to particular areas. The state will let TTA know when to lend assistance.

The death of TTA director Bill Stutz in Chattanooga was announced. The president will appoint a successor to serve until the expiration of Mr. Stutz' term as director at the end of 1980.

Dave Stidham, who had attended a recent meeting of the Tennessee Environmental Council, said the council plans to co-sponsor with the state Department of Conservation a land use workshop to consider means of protecting land other than state ownership. A limited group of legislators and conservation department officials would be invited to participate. Experts in the field would lead the workshop, to be held May 12 and 13. The state would furnish food and lodging for the leader, and the TEC would underwrite part of the other costs but not all. Environmental groups had been asked to donate money. It was voted to give \$25 of TTA funds for this purpose.

Mr. Stidham said that an effort is being made to have a U.S. postage stamp issued to feature caves, in connection with next year's speleology congress. TTA members were asked to write to the postal service recommending a cave stamp.

Dave Stidham was appointed editor of "Tennessee Trails," newsletter, to replace Evan Means, who had requested the change. This change will take place in a few months.

The president said that the plaque which has been prepared by TTA to honor Gov. Lamar Alexander for his hike across the state during his election campaign in 1979 would be presented soon.

It was announced that TTA would help on costs and arrangements for a reception for legislators and other state officials to be held at the Cumberland Museum in Nashville on March 5, to be sponsored by environmental organizations.

Evelyn Tretter, Recording Secretary