

## TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

INC.

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MINUTES
FIRST QUARTER BOARD MEETING
January 16, 1981

The meeting was held at the Murphy Center, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro.

Present: Bertha Chrietzberg

Joe Gaines Evelyn Tretter Evan Means

Sharen Patterson

John Clark Al Payne

Jerry Strouthers Bob Richards

Jack Neff Dave Stidham

Absent: Dot Lingerfelt Grimes Slaughter

Diane Davidson

Al Payne, resource manager at Old Hickory Lake, and ranger Jerry Strouthers presented a slide program on the lakeshore management plan and discussed the present attempt by owners of property adjacent to the public land to make the plan less restrictive in use of it for private purposes.

A motion was passed to support the Corps of Engineer's lakeshore management plan for Old Hickory Lake and to have Jack Neff present an official TTA statement at a public meeting in Gallatin on Jan. 20.

Dr. Neff read a proposed statement, which was approved by the board. The statement recommended one minor change in the plan which would spell out the present restrictions more clearly.

Bertha Chrietzberg, president, reported on the Tennessee Environmental Council Intergroup Conference held at Camp Cumberland in the fall. She said several resolutions were forwarded to Gov. Lamar Alexander and other appropriate people in state government.

There was a motion to have TTA join the Environmental Action Fund as an associate member for \$100 per year. The motion was tabled.

Joe Gaines reported that the Trail of the Lonesome Pine is threatened. The north half, 35 miles, is about complete and will be dedicated soon. Construction on the south end has been stopped by the Department of Conservation in a deal with local citizens who object to the trail.

Mr. Gaines recommended talking to Conservation officials and writing legislators, supporting the trail. He was concerned that the public was not contacted.

He discussed the reorganization of the Department of Conservation under the new commissioner, Charles Howell. He said commitment to trails and scenic rivers is still there.

Mrs. Chrietzberg appointed Dave Stidham and Evan Means to join here in meeting with the new commissioner.

It was announced that the results of some of the workshops at the Standing Stone State Park seminar and annual meeting in 1979 would be published soon.

It was also announced that a portion of the north Cumberland Trail would be opened May 2.

A motion was passed to hold the annual meeting at Camp Cumberland, Crossville, Oct. 17-18.

Evelyn Tretter, Recording Secretary