



TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES

SECOND QUARTER BOARD MEETING - 1981

The meeting was held at the home of Duane Wyrick, ranger at Frozen Head State Natural Area, on Friday evening before the Saturday wild flower hike. Those attending were:

Present: Bertha Chrietzberg
Grimes Slaughter
Evan Means
Evelyn Tretter
Joe Gaines
Dave Stidham

Absent: Diane Davidson
Sharen Patterson
Mike Rice
Dot Lingenfolt

Also Present: Duane Wyrick
Terry Bonham
Ruth Slusher
Sherry Stidham
Vickie Fless
Lilli Murphy
Cheryl Lutz

Brook and Betsy Schwephize
Francis and Margeret Rushton
Mike and Connie Buchanan
David Doggett
John Armes
Tim Armes
Foy Armes

It was reported that there had been complaints from citizens of Signal Mountain, Tennessee, of undesirable activity going on in Point Park, Signal Mountain, where the Cumberland Trail begins. It was reported that disturbances were connected with people using the trail. Sam Powell of Signal Mountain, TTA member who has spearheaded the building of the South Cumberland Trail, planned to meet with Terry Bonham, state trails administrator, and the superintendent of the national park to work out the difficulty. It was pointed out at the meeting that a great deal of litter had been found on the first few hundred feet of the trail, but very little further on, showing that people other than bonafide hikers were gathering at the site.

A motion was passed to support this position and to have the president contact Mr. Powell in this regard.

The president had met with Diane Davidson and Bob Richards to work out guidelines for the Adopt-a-Trail program. The agencies administering the various trails will be contacted.

A motion was passed to give the president and Miss Davidson free rein in making guidelines and instituting this plan.

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There was some discussion of the route of the Cumberland Trail in the area of Grassy Cove. The ~~chairman~~ said this will be discussed with some of the key people at the annual meeting in October.

Terry Bonham said the opening of the Cumberland Trail between Caryville and Oliver Springs has been postponed.

There was a discussion of board action that needs to be taken between meetings. It was agreed that minor items would be handled by chairmen of committees. In other matters the president should be contacted to let her poll the board.

A motion was passed not to join the Environmental Action Fund due to not having enough money available.

Dave Stidham, editor of "Tennessee Trails," newsletter, brought up the subject of accepting advertising. It was agreed that this would be suitable, at the discretion of the editor. It was agreed that the newsletter be mailed to state parks, when available.

There was a discussion of the responsibility of hike leaders. It was agreed that the leader should have a first aid kit, and should have an orientation session with the hikers before each hike, so that those who might not be physically able to make it would have the opportunity to stay back. Joe Gaines said a workshop on this and other subjects had been held at the state trails symposium of 1979. He is organizing the material from these workshops and will have printed.

There was a discussion of a controversy about the building of an airport at Oak Ridge near the University of Tennessee arboretum in Oak Ridge, where there is a state recreation trail. It was agreed that the editor of the newsletter would keep members informed on this matter.

Dave Stidham said he had been contacted about publicizing the Bed and Board Plan of lodging in homes, and soliciting hosts. It was agreed that he use his discretion, with the limit that it be done only for the information of members, not in the sense of free advertisement.

Foy Armes of Wartburg showed slides of Frozen Head, many of wild flowers. This was a public park program, and many of the people in attendance had come to see it.

Evelyn Tretter, Recording Secretary