



TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES FIRST QUARTER BOARD MEETING January 22, 1982

The meeting was held at the Corps of Engineers transient cabin, Dale Hollow Dam (with eagle watch and Black Mountain hike to follow on Saturday and Sunday.) A potluck supper was served at 7:30 p.m. before the meeting.

Present: Dave Stidham
Bertha Chrietzberg
Evelyn Tretter
Jill Norvell
Dwain Van Vactor
~~Diane Davidson Wilson~~
George Minnigh

Also Present: Sherry Stidham
3 Stidham children
Tommy Nokes
Howard Ray Duncan
Evan Means
Vickie Hillis
N. W. Cleminsen
Jim Chrietzberg
Larry Wilson

Absent: Dot Lingerfelt
Sharen Patterson
Grimes Slaughter
Sam Powell

Diane Davidson

A motion was passed to allot the following counties to the Cumberland Mountain Chapter, meeting at Jamestown: Cumberland, Pickett, Scott, ~~Morgan~~, Putnam, *Fentness*.

Dave Stidham, president, announced the names of the Cumberland Trail Committee. In charge of sections (south to north): Sam Powell, Bob Wagner, Dave Rhyne, Gene Curp, Bob Brown. This portion of the CT is all south of Crab Orchard, and will be laid out and built by TTA. The state will build the portion north of Crab Orchard, with Evan Means and Don Todd to handle liaison of the upper and lower sections, respectively, with the state. The board passed a motion to approve the committee.

Evan Means said he had met with the new superintendent of Cumberland Gap National Historic Park, head ranger Bill Nichols and Ken Miller, state administrator of the CT, to establish the CT route on park land. The superintendent wanted assurance that he would not be responsible for lost hikers. This section of the trail needs volunteer maintenance people.

Mr. Stidham went over a proposed agreement with the Department of Conservation to have TTA be responsible for maintenance of Section 2 of the CT (Cove Lake State Park to Oliver Springs, 31 miles). A motion was made to accept.

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.

Sponsor for the Cumberland Trail

The president asked for one or two volunteers to serve on a special planning committee for fund-raising of the Tennessee Environmental Council. Diane Davidson ~~Wilson~~ volunteered and Stidham said he would appoint Bob Brown, subject to his acceptance.

The annual meeting was set for October 15-16-17 at Pickett State Park. A motion was passed to let the various chapters rotate in sponsoring the meeting in future years, with the Memphis Chapter being responsible in 1983. The Cumberland Mountain Chapter had volunteered to host the 1982 meeting and the offer was accepted. Alphabetical order will be followed after 1983.

^{Davidson}
Diane ~~Wilson~~, Adopt-A-Trail chairman, reported that she and Stidham are preparing preliminary guidelines for volunteers, to be ready soon. Ten or 15 trails have been adopted. Mrs. Chrietzberg will draft a letter to be sent to agencies responsible for trails, with check list as to what volunteers may be responsible for, with space for comments. After these arrangements have been made, a packet will be prepared for volunteers.

Mrs. Chrietzberg outlined suggestions made to the governor on his Safe Growth Plan. These suggestions had been adopted by TTA, the Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association and the Audubon Society at the Intergroup Conference last fall. Ruth Neff, executive secretary of the Tennessee Environmental Council, had submitted the list to the governor. One suggestion was for the Department of Conservation to furnish an office and telephone for volunteers to recruit other volunteers, especially for the Adopt-A-Trail project. Mrs. Chrietzberg read the governor's reply accepting this suggestion.

There was a discussion of forming a state trails council, as had been called for by the president of the National Trails Council, Jeannette Fitzwilliams. A motion had been passed at TTA's 1981 annual meeting for TTA to take the lead in forming such a council. A motion was made at this January 22, 1982, board meeting to invite a speaker from the Arkansas Trails Council for the 1982 TTA annual meeting.

Mrs. Chrietzberg said she had spoken at a public hearing on a proposed new U.S. 70 route between Murfreesboro and Woodbury. The present Highway 70 is part of the Trail of Tears route. A motion was passed to support a bike route along the new proposed highway as part of the Trail of Tears. Mrs. Chrietzberg will draft a letter to the governor proposing the bike route.

^{Big South Fork}
George Minnigh, official board representative for the Cumberland Mountain Chapter, reported on proposals for the O&W Railroad route through the National ~~Great~~ Recreation Area. Four proposals are being considered: (1) Restore the route and run a steam locomotive which would run scenic outings in the daytime. (2) Upgrade the bed and run rubber-tired vehicles for a tourist attraction. (3) Make the route a bicycle trail. (4) Proposal No. 1, with the addition that the train would haul freight commercially at night from Oneida to tie in with regular commercial line to Jamestown. A motion was passed for TTA to support Proposal 2, rubber-tired tourist vehicle. There was one dissenting vote, that of the Cumberland Mountain member. (The Cumberland Mountain Chapter had already endorsed Proposal 4, combined commercial and scenic train.)

A motion was passed to sell TTA license plates to help the River Conservancy fund-raising effort, TTA chapters to retain a profit on those sold.

There was a discussion about designing and selling chapter patches. A motion was passed to have chapters use the regular TTA patch, with chapters having the option to have chapter rockers fabricated, to be worn with the TTA patch. Chapters would sell their rockers and retain the profit.

A motion was passed to support wilderness status for several areas of the Cherokee National Forest, as proposed by the Citizens Compromise Wilderness Proposal (Tennessee Conservation League) and a coalition of other groups.

A motion was passed to oppose the seismic explorations in the Cherokee National Forest.

Evelyn Tretter
Recording Secretary

Corrections to minutes of 1981 annual meeting:

Third from last paragraph, Page 3, should read:

"Evan Means said there is a chance that the National Trails Council will have an exhibit at the World's Fair in Knoxville and TTA could share the exhibit."

Election of officers was omitted. This should read:

"Officers for 1982 were elected as follows: president, Dave Stidham; vice president, Bertha Chrietberg; corresponding secretary-treasurer, Dot Lingerfelt; recording secretary, Evelyn Tretter; director, filling expired place of Even Means, Sam Powell. Mr. Powell's term will end Dec. 31, 1984."