



# TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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## MINUTES SECOND QUARTER BOARD MEETING April 3, 1982

The meeting was held at the home of Sam Powell at Signal Mountain, preceded by a hike on the Cumberland Trail and a barbecue dinner.

Present: Dave Stidham  
Dot Lingerfelt  
Evelyn Tretter  
Sam Powell  
Steven Burke (acting  
for Cumberland Mountain  
member)

Absent: Bertha Chrietberg  
Sharen Patterson  
Grimes Slaughter  
Betty Smith  
Dwain Van Vactor  
Jill Norvell

Also Present: Emelie Powell  
Howard Ray Duncan  
Pam Burke

There was no quorum present and no motion was made.

The board discussed ways to implement the forming of a state trails advisory council, as authorized at the 1981 annual meeting. This will be a main purpose of the 1982 annual meeting in October. All segments of the trails community will be invited to attend and hear a speaker from such a council in an adjoining state (probably Arkansas). The goal will be to kick off the organizing of this council.

It was suggested that emphasis be put on the fact that "property owners hold the key." Workshops on the forming and working of an advisory council may be held at the annual meeting, and also workshops on the organization and work of local TTA chapters, and on getting volunteers.

David Stidham, president, said a TTA exhibit and slide program are available for meetings.

Writing and printing of a new TTA brochure were discussed. A new membership category, "family dependent," was proposed, to be \$3.00. This would be additional members of a family which already has one member.

Concerning the agreement between TTA and the Department of Conservation to have the association maintain a part of the Cumberland Trail, the president said recommended changes in the state's draft proposal have been sent to Terry Bonham, state trails administrator. Stidham will OK the agreement if no new changes are requested by the state.

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*

It was announced that the Cumberland Mountain Chapter cannot hold the 1982 annual meeting as voted at the 1981 annual meeting, as no place can be found for it, due to the World's Fair in Knoxville. The Memphis chapter will sponsor it and it will be held at Lakeshore United Methodist Assembly at Eva, Tennessee (next to Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park), October 15-17. Lodging will be \$10 for the weekend, with meals at \$2.00 and \$3.00.

It was announced that the Adopt-a-Trail manual is almost ready for the printer. Chairman Diane Davidson hopes to get local people in various areas to serve on her committee to push the program.

The president said a place will be provided in the Department of Conservation's new quarters in the old Custom House for TTA volunteers to work on getting trails adopted and getting volunteers for other work.

The president said TTA will help the Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association in holding the VIP weekend on the Hiwassee River August 14-15. TTA people will take the guests on the John Muir Trail and possibly provide lunch.

Evelyn Tretter, Recording Secretary

Corrections to minutes of 1981 annual meeting:

Eliminate from the counties allotted to the Cumberland Mountain Chapter: Morgan County, and substitute Fentress County.

Paragraph on proposals for the O&W Railroad: change National Obed Recreation Area to National Big South Fork Recreation Area.