



# TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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## MINUTES SECOND QUARTER BOARD MEETING June 22, 1985

The meeting was held at Cumberland Mountain State Park after a work day on the Cumberland Trail and dinner in the park restaurant.

Present: David Stidham  
Howard Ray Duncan  
Evelyn Tretter  
Pat Anderson  
Evan Means  
Ken Pittman

Absent: Dot Lingerfelt  
Bertha Chrietzberg  
Everett Kidder  
Grimes Slaughter  
Jill Norvell  
Sam Powell  
Arthur Yates

Also present: Dean Pittman

The president, David Stidham, said the legislature had passed a bill to establish a natural resource trust with money generated from the sale of state lands and non-renewable resources, proceeds of the trust fund to be used to enhance recreational and cultural resources. TTA had formally supported this measure, the president having polled the board members who were absent from the Feb. 23, 1985, board meeting when the motion was made.

The president asked that chapter chairmen discuss with their members a proposal to run classified ads for members in the TTA newsletter, and to report on the consensus.

The president asked Evan Means to find out the status of Section II of the Cumberland Trail, which TTA has agreed to maintain, under the leadership of Grimes Slaughter.

Howard Ray Duncan reported that the Cumberland Mountain chapter has adopted the Middle Creek Nature Trail of the Big South Fork, in cooperation with BSF's Volunteers in the Park program (VIP). He said the chapter sells BSF T-shirts. TTA members from the chapter led hikes during BSF's wildflower weekend.

Stidham said there are three problems connected with TTA's effort to construct the Cumberland Trail south of I-40: (1) TTA is not keeping it maintained where open for hiking; (2) TTA is not getting any construction done; (3) the trail is not being used, which situation increases the maintenance problem. He said the CT will be the theme of the annual meeting in October, in an effort to expedite the work or find out why it cannot be done.

Other plans for the annual meeting were discussed. It will be held at Tech Aqua on Center Hill Lake Oct. 11-12-13.

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

Stidham passed around a letter from the Tennessee Department of Conservation asking for comments from TTA members on the use of non-motorized trail bikes on foot trails in Tennessee. Stidham asked that the chapter chairmen put the matter before their members and let those who wished to send comments to the state.

A report on Spencer Range indicated that there are some drawbacks to the proposed location near Fall Creek Falls and South Cumberland that may keep the installation from being built there.

\* A motion was passed <sup>area</sup> <sup>unanimously</sup> for the association to take action to get a small state natural <sup>area</sup> opened to the public, which was closed some years ago. This area is at Falling Water Falls near Chattanooga. "No Parking" and "Closed for Development" signs have been erected at the site. Stidham said a trail had led to the falls, but the state would have the option of placing the trail at a different location. It was understood that local residents had put pressure on the state to close the first access trail. Stidham will write a letter to the proper authorities to get the move to reopen under way.

Stidham asked that chapters get busy with their 1986 outing schedules, to have ready for coordinating at the annual meeting. Leaders should be listed, and their consent verified. Stidham suggested that an effort should be made to tie activities in with the Homecoming '86 program.

Stidham appointed Evelyn Tretter to try to get persons from the Nashville and/or Murfreesboro chapters to plan and man a TTA booth at Dawg Days Doin's at Long Hunter State Park on Aug. 24, 1985.

Stidham appointed Ken Pittman as chairman of the nominating committee to get a slate of officers for 1986.

Stidham said TTA will again co-sponsor (with TVA) Fall Hike Day at Land Between the Lakes Oct. 5, 1985.

\* The board passed a motion <sup>unanimously</sup> to submit two amendments to the by-laws to the membership: (1) to add a president-elect to the list of officers; (2) to authorize the Bill Stutz Award.

Stidham said he is making up a computerized membership list that will be available to all members.

Stidham said each chapter chairman and hike leader should realize the importance of sticking to the annual hike schedule. If a leader cannot lead a hike on the scheduled day, he should get a substitute.

Evelyn Tretter, Recording Secretary

\* Subject to president polling  
enough absent board members to  
get quorum.