



TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

INC.

P.O. BOX 4913

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE 37405

MINUTES - ANNUAL MEETING

October 12, 1985

The meeting was held at Tech Aqua. Theme: The Cumberland Trail.

Board members

Present: David Stidham

Howard Ray Duncan

Dot Lingerfelt

Evelyn Tretter

Pat Anderson

Mavis Bull (for Jill Norvell, Memphis)

Grimes Slaughter

Ken Pittman

Absent: Everett Kidder

~~Grimes Slaughter~~

Sam Powell

Arthur Yates

Bertha Chrietzberg

Evan

Means

About 35 other members were present.

Evelyn Tretter, Nashville chapter chairman, welcomed the group on behalf of the chapter, which hosted the meeting.

The president, David Stidham, reported the highlights of the year. He said some work was done on the Cumberland Trail by volunteers from the membership. The Adopt-a-Trail program has dropped off. He said each chapter should have a chairman for this program to push it.

Action taken by the board during the year included supporting the Natural Resource Trust Fund, to use money generated from the sale of state and non-renewable resources to enhance recreational and cultural resources; opposing the building of the National Guard Spencer Range; getting Falling Water Falls State Natural area near Chattanooga reopened; and publicizing the Department of Conservation's proposal for bicycles on trails.

Motions were passed to amend the constitution to add a president-elect to the list of officers, and to the by-laws to make the Bill Stutz Award official.

Chapter Reports

Chattanooga. Dot Lingerfelt said the chapter has 15 members. No regular meetings are held. She said she will contact members in regard to holding the annual meeting in 1986, which is Chattanooga's year for holding.

Cumberland Mountain. Howard Ray Duncan reported a variety of hikes, parties and outings by the chapter, two traditional ones being a Christmas party and a New Year's Day hike. The chapter has an agreement with the National Park Service to maintain six miles of the Middle Creek Trail in the Big South Fork. The chapter sells BSF T-shirts; they had a booth at the Fentress County Health Fair; and the chapter was in charge of the BSF's annual wildflower hike weekend. The chapter continues to work on the Colditz Cove State Natural Area.

Memphis. Bob Barnett reported an active hiking and meeting schedule, including a week on the Appalachian Trail.

Murfreesboro. John Clark, the only Murfreesboro member present, said the chapter has not been very active, *except for several hikes, etc*

Nashville. Evelyn Tretter reported that the chapter has had an active outing schedule, and regular monthly meetings with several picnics during the summer. A highlight of the year is the annual joint Christmas dinner with the Cumberland-Harpeth Audubon Chapter. The chapter had a booth at Dawg Days Doin's at Long Hunter State Park. The chapter has adopted the Volunteer Trail at Long Hunter State Park and had several members working on the trail on three Saturdays in September. The chapter manned all the workshops at Hike Day at Land Between the Lakes, which is co-sponsored by TTA and TVA. These included outdoor cooking, photography, trail etiquette, map and compass, and outdoor equipment. The chapter hosted the annual meeting. Some work has been done on the Cumberland Trail by Nashville members.

Trails Report, Department of Conservation
Bob Richards and Mike Dahl

Bob Richards said a second ranger will be added to the Cumberland Trail next year, for Sections 3 and 4. He suggested that TTA members write the commissioner of Conservation and the governor stating their support of trails and urging adequate personnel, thanking them for their past support.

Richards said a walking trail at Beersheba Springs historic area will have a patch for Homecoming '86.

He said the Department of Conservation is considering an informal policy of allowing off-road bicycles on foot trails in state forests, but not in state parks. He said the national association of bike riders is aware of the need to be considerate of hikers and is pushing this aspect.

Mike Dahl said two pieces of legislation are being considered for submitting to the legislature in conjunction with trails and scenic rivers: the reimbursing of travel expenses to volunteers, and rewriting of the Trails Act. He said questionnaire for trail user preferences is being worked out.

Dahl suggested that TTA amend its by-laws to accept real estate, assuming ownership until some other arrangement could be made.

He said that 110 miles of the Cumberland Trail has been developed, most of it on the northern end.

Dahl said he has reservations about government managing long-distance hiking trails. He said TTA's cooperative agreement with the Department of Conservation to maintain Section of the CT has two years to go. He recommended six work trips a year to maintain this section.

II

A suggestion was made that all hike leaders specify a time to meet at the trail head or nearby, as well as local car-pooling sites, if any.

David Stidham, editor of the newsletter, said the new deadline is the 15th of the month, instead of the 20th as formerly.

Election of Officers

The following officers for 1986 were elected: president, David Stidham; vice president, Bob Barnett; president-elect, Howard Ray Duncan; recording secretary, Evelyn Tretter; corresponding secretary-treasurer, Dot Lingerfelt; director, Carroll Viera.

Awards

The Bill Stutz Award, given to a TTA member for outstanding contributions to the association and/or local chapter, was presented to David Stidham of the Nashville Chapter.

The TTA Award was presented to the Cumberland Mountain Chapter of TTA for their many contributions to building trails and supporting ecological activities, in particular at Coldlitz Cove and the Big South Fork. The awards were made at dinner on Saturday night.

A symposium on the Cumberland Trail completed the Saturday morning activities. The remainder of the weekend consisted of: Friday evening, board meeting, potluck dinner, show and tell, campfire; Saturday afternoon, hikes; Saturday evening, dinner, concert by McMinnville Gold and Silver Community Band, and auction; Sunday, meeting of vice president and chapter chairmen on 1986 hike schedule, and hikes. Two contests were held, to identify site of trail photographs, and to guess number of rope clips in a jar, with prizes awarded. A number of fine door prizes were given out.

Evelyn Tretter, recording secretary