



TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES FIRST QUARTER BOARD MEETING March 7, 1986

The meeting was held at Cumberland Mountain State Park.

Present:	David Stidham	Bertha Chrietzberg	Absent:	Everett Kidder
	Bob Barnett	Pat Anderson		Mavis Bull
	Howard Ray Duncan	Evan Means		Sam Powell
	Dot Lingerfelt	Carroll Viera		Arthur Yates
	Evelyn Tretter	Dot Fowler		Ken Pitman

Also present: Mike Dahl John Hart
Bob Brown Marylyn Wolven
David Rhyne Vicky Rhyne

Chapter Reports: Cumberland Mountain - Howard Ray Duncan reported that Coldlitz Cove has been accepted as a state natural area, with the chapter making an agreement for maintenance. Grand opening will be in May. Chattanooga - Dot Lingerfelt said the chapter will host the annual meeting this year on Oct. 10, 11 and 12. Nashville - Pat Anderson said the chapter chairman has appointed a committee to recommend chapter activities. Members will be surveyed. The president asked that this survey include all the association members.

Cumberland Trail: Following suggestions made at brainstorming session at the 1985 annual meeting, the group decided on how to proceed with the Cumberland Trail work. The CT chairman, David Stidham, appointed Bob Brown as interim liaison person in charge of maintenance on Section II. This work will take priority. When work is caught up, including some rebuilding of trail destroyed by clear cutting, and a regular maintenance schedule established, association-wide organized work parties will start at I-40 and go south with each section completed as soon as possible. Section chairmen will plan the work. Section chairmen meanwhile will proceed as in the past to work individually or with small parties they may assemble as needed. Bob Brown said he will head up work parties for six weekends this year to inspect and do maintenance on Section II, the first weekends to be March 29-30 and May 31-June 1. All chapters are urged to send workers.

New Editor: The board approved the appointment of Dot Fowler as newsletter editor, replacing David Stidham.

Membership: The president appointed Bob Barnett membership chairman. He asked that chapter chairmen instruct their hike leaders to keep a list of hikers with address and phone numbers, to be turned in to Barnett after each hike. It was suggested that chapter chairmen arrange to have each member who did not renew contacted, after new member list is received in the spring.

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

Adopt-a-Trail: There was a suggestion to honor people who adopt trails. Carroll Viera was appointed to make a report suggesting means and criteria.

Tennessee Outdoors Meeting: Bob Brown read a statement he had written for the association which he was to deliver at a meeting of Tennessee Outdoors in Knoxville on March 10, 1986, urging the state Department of Conservation to continue to fund the extension of the Cumberland Trail south to Crab Orchard, and urging that the state "pursue vigorously... cooperative efforts between public and private organizations to protect existing park and forest lands and to extend state natural areas and the scenic rivers system." The statement was approved by the board.

Means Book: Evan Means said royalties from his book "Tennessee Trails" had amounted to \$2429.45. These royalties have been donated to TTA by Means. Donations will cease when the amount reaches \$2500.

Advisory Council: Mike Dahl submitted a plan for an advisory council for the Cumberland Trail. This was discussed but no formal position taken.

Motions: The following motions were passed:

Write the governor supporting his proposed billboard law. Amendment to motion passed to ask the governor to pursue his no-litter program. The billboard law was killed in the legislature before the letter was written. No letter was written on litter.

Write the commissioner of Conservation with copy to Mike Countess requesting that a new position be added to the staff at Frozen Head Natural Area and the Cumberland Trail. Bertha Chrietzberg will write the letter.

Write state authorities urging that the Eastern State Wildlife Management Area be kept in public hands. Bertha Chrietzberg will write the letter.

Urge the state to reopen Falling Water Falls Natural Area at Chattanooga. ~~Dot Lingerfelt~~ will write the Department of Conservation to find out the circumstances surrounding the closing of this area and the present status, and to urge reopening.

Contact the governor and the Department of Public Health about guidelines not being followed in strip mining near Crystal Falls. David Rhyme will write to get more facts. *Bertha Chrietzberg also*

Write the commissioner of conservation with copy to the governor urging that the state acquire the Tyree Springs property in Sumner County for a state natural area. Evelyn Tretter will write.

Write the commissioner of Conservation with copy to Mike Countess urging the Department of Conservation to proceed with all due speed to acquire the Jim McCloud tract five miles north of La Follette for a state natural area. Evelyn Tretter will write the letter.

Write Corps of Engineers requesting information on accessing of land at Cordell Hull Lake, with regard to effect on trails. Bertha Chrietzberg will write the letter.

Evelyn Tretter, Recording Secretary

Correction to Minutes

Annual meeting, Oct. 12, 1985, Page 2, Paragraph 3: Delete last four sentences, and add:

The chapter manned four of the five workshops at Hike Day at Land Between the Lakes, which is co-sponsored by TTA and TVA. These were outdoor cooking, Dot Lingerfelt; photography, John Hart; trail etiquette, Evelyn Tretter; map and compass, David Stidham; and outdoor equipment, Gene Curp. The chapter hosted the annual meeting. Some work has been done on the Cumberland Trail by Nashville members.