



TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

INC.

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MINUTES THIRD QUARTER BOARD MEETING July 19, 1986

*No meeting
2nd quarter*

The meeting was held at Rock Island State Park following hike in gorge and picnic supper in tent campground.

Present

David Stidham
Bob Barnett
Evelyn Tretter
Evan Means
Carroll Viera
Pat Anderson
Ken Pittman
Dot Fowler

Absent

Dot Lingerfelt
Howard Ray Duncan
Bertha Chrietzberg
Sam Powell
Mavis Bull
Everett Kidder

Also Present

Bob Richards
Bob Brown
David Viera
Mary Kallas
Gayle Douglas
Vic Canada

Tom Sells

Charles Hann
Regenia McDowell
Bob Day
Dean Pittman
Norma Brown
Yoshiko McCullough

Chapter Reports: Pat Anderson, Nashville, reported that the survey sent out by the Nashville Chapter to all association members has been tallied and results will appear in newsletter.

Cumberland Trail. Bob Brown, interim chairman, Section II, reported that a number of people have worked to get Section II in shape. Three more work weekends are planned for this year: Aug. 15-16, "backpack" weekend, gear and tools to go by truck (Brown will remain on the site to work through the following week, volunteers accepted); Nov. 29-30, work-play weekend; one more to be scheduled in September or October, work-play.

Bob Richards suggested that a CT brochure is badly needed. He will work with David Stidham to get one written and printed.

The Black Mountain section of the OCT (part of Section 4, south of I-40) will be dedicated Sept. 20. A luncheon honoring landowners who have given easements across their land will take place at the Inn, Cumberland Mountain State Park, as announced by the president. A party of dignitaries, TTA members and others will go by truck to a site on Black Mountain for dedication ceremony, followed by an optional hike back down and up part of the trail on Brady Mountain. More in newsletter.

A motion was passed to pay for lunch for the landowners from funds generated by the auction at last year's annual meeting, which funds were tagged for promotion of the CT.

Adopt-a-Trail. Carroll Viera reported on proposed recognition plan for those who adopt a trail. She recommended a certificate. She will write text. Ken Pittman will get the certificate designed. See "Annual Meeting" below.

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

CT Conference. The president said a statewide CT conference organization as suggested at the last board meeting will be kept current for a future board agenda.

Wilderness Trail at Cordell Hull. The president said a plan to declare surplus some of the Corps of Engineer land where this trail is located has been withdrawn and the trail is safe.

Annual Meeting. The president said the Chattanooga Chapter, host for the annual meeting Oct.11-12-13, has reserved Camp Lookout on Lookout Mountain. The president proposed making the Adopt-a-Trail program the theme for the meeting. The group agreed.

Big South Fork. A letter from Howard Ray Duncan, absent board member, was read, in which he proposed that the board go on record as supporting the acquisition by the Corps of Engineers of "deferred" lands at the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. The proposal is being made to the Corps by Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning, first priority to be given to the 9452-acre North Whiteoak area, threatened by pressures for coal and oil extraction. See below.*

A motion was passed to support this action. Evelyn Tretter will write a resolution and send copy to the BSF superintendent with copies to Senators Albert Gore and Jim Sasser and Congressman Jim Cooper. and to the district engineer, Corps of Engineers. See below.*

Nominations. The president appointed Evan Means to choose a nominee for the awards program of the Take Pride in America campaign sponsored by the U.S. Department of the Interior and the Tennessee Department of Conservation.

The president said he has appointed Howard Ray Duncan to propose a slate of officers for TTA for 1986. Duncan is president-elect. To be elected are vice president, corresponding secretary-treasurer, recording secretary and one director to succeed Bertha Chrietzberg, whose term will expire at the end of this year.

a new president-elect,

Membership. Bob Barnett, membership chairman, asked that all hike leaders remember to send him list of the people who went on hike, with addresses and phone numbers.

Tennessee Outdoors. Bob Richards said he and Bob Brown have been appointed to a sub-committee of the governor's Committee for Tennessee Outdoors. He said they have made several suggestions on help for trails, including pushing for completion of the state scenic trails system, furnishing two more full-time trail maintenance crews and more equipment for trail maintenance, more rangers, and more publicity on trails as recreation resources.

Evelyn Tretter, Recording Secretary

*"RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Trails Association supports the acquisition of the North White Oak-Laurel Fork Creek area at the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, consisting of approximately 9452 acres. This board feels that these fragile lands need to be protected and preserved as a vital portion of the authorized acquisition area "deferred" in favor of development. We feel that further delay would endanger this treasure of near-wilderness, possibly irrevocably."