



TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES FIRST QUARTER BOARD MEETING March 21, 1987

The meeting was held at a cabin at Standing Stone State Park, after a supper in the cabin of pizza, salad and fudge cake.

Present: Howard Ray Duncan
Pat Anderson
Evelyn Tretter
Bertha Chrietzberg
Ken Pittman
Dot Fowler

Absent: Bob Barnette
Dot Lingerfelt
David Stidham
Everett Kidder
Charles Hann
Carroll Viera
Sam Powell
Jerri Bull

Also present: Bob Brown
Dean Pittman
Vic Canada
James Smith
Mike Dahl

A motion was passed to allow the state to sell the regulation Cumberland Trail patch. (This revokes an agreement made at the fourth quarter 1986 board meeting.) The patch will be given to workers who put in 24 hours' work on the CT, along with a "Volunteer" rocker. This motion will be subject to the president polling absent members of the board. by TTA

Mike Dahl of the Department of Conservation gave an update on the Cumberland Trail. He said the trail is in serious danger budget-wise and that a recommendation has been made in the department that Sections I and III be closed. One of the main problems is the use of off-road vehicles on the trail where it crosses private land. Many of these landowners are users of such vehicles and say they will allow them on the trail where it is on their land. These landowners have only verbal agreement with the state for the right-of-way. A public meeting will be held in April on this issue. Details will be available through Bob Brown, TTA coordinator for the CT.

Dahl recommended (as he has done before) that a citizens advisory council on trails be formed, representing all interested parties. It was agreed that the trail needs publicity and hikers. Bertha Chrietzberg will pursue this. Dahl gave the board a white paper he has written giving an overview of the situation.

There was a discussion of getting out a new TTA brochure, with a new and different map.

Howard Ray Duncan, representing the Cumberland Mountain Chapter, hosts for this year's annual meeting, said the group camp at Pickett 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.

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Park would not be available for the meeting, but that the chapter is making plans for another location. Date is October 9, 10 and 11.

Duncan said \$52,000,000 is expected to be budgeted for the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area for next year, but the money must have state and local match. He expects no money for land acquisition.

Bertha Chrietberg, who represents TTA on the Tennessee Environmental Council, said the Council will hold an auction to raise money. She asked that TTA donate some service or article. It was decided to donate two nights at Cheat Creek Hostel, Big South Fork. Howard Ray Duncan will make arrangements.

It was decided to have the second quarter board meeting at Cumberland Mountain State Park on June ~~26~~ 27.

Members were asked to talk up the auction of donated items for the annual meeting.

A motion was passed to recommend Sam Powell of Signal Mountain, a TTA director, to the State Forestry Commission, for which he has applied. Selection will be made in June. Evelyn Tretter will write the letter for the president's signature.

Dot Fowler asked for ideas and contributions to improve content of the newsletter.

Evelyn Tretter, Recording Secretary