



# TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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## MINUTES - ANNUAL MEETING October 7, 1989

The meeting was held on Saturday morning of the three-day weekend meeting, held at the Dubose Center, Monteagle, hosted by the Murfreesboro Chapter.

About 100 people registered for the weekend.

George Willis, chairman of the Murfreesboro Chapter, Bertha Christzberg, meeting chairman, and Pat Anderson, president, welcomed the group.

John Cristof, superintendent of the South Cumberland Recreation Area, welcomed the association to the area and talked briefly about the park, saying the main issue at present is setting a dependable boundary to enable better enforcing of poaching rules and other matters. Another pressing matter, he said, is protecting Greeter Falls from encroaching subdivisions.

Randy Hedgepath, park interpretive specialist, described the planned hikes and some of the interesting facts about the park.

Bob Richards, state parks recreation planner for the state and state liaison with the trails community, spoke briefly, saying a new trails brochure is being printed by the state. He urged the association to work for restoration of the office of state trails administrator.

New bylaws were adopted.

The president, Pat Anderson, announced that two new chapters were organized this year, at Clarksville and Cookeville.

Evan Means, author of the book Tennessee Trails, showed the third edition, which has a new cover and some changes and additions.

Chapter reports: Chattanooga - Dot Lingerfelt said efforts are being made to reorganize the chapter. Members work on the south end of the Cumberland Trail. Clarksville - June Adams reported that the new chapter has 30 members and a lot of interest. Cookeville - Debbie Thibault reported that the chapter is taking off fast, with 25 members. They meet on the campus of Tennessee Tech. Cumberland Mountain - No member reported. Pat Anderson said the hostel in the Big South Fork national park will be taken over by the people who operate the lodge on Mt. Le Conte and it will be operated like that lodge. Memphis - Jerri Bull reported that the group has 75 members and a lot of outings, usually two a month. They work on the Chickasaw Bluff Trail and the Wolf River project and are taking part in Releaf, a project to plant trees where land is denuded. Murfreesboro - Bertha Christzberg said the chapter has been reorganized and is growing. She announced an exciting new project - plans for the

federal government and the city of Murfreesboro to work together to build a trail (about two miles) along Stones River to connect the Stones River Battlefield with Murfreesboro's Old Fort Park, where Civil War structure will be restored (Fort Rosecrans), the federal government to build the trail and restore the fort and the city to maintain the trail. A number of TTA members had attended a recent hearing on the subject. Nashville - Evelyn Tretter reported that Nashville members had supported the successful effort to keep a zoo out of Long Hunter State Park, led by TTA and the Sierra Club. Nashville members had also instigated a new effort for the state to acquire 320 acres on the top of Short Mountain (at Woodbury) for a natural area. These plans are well under way. The land belongs to David Lipscomb College, who is reported to be ready to sell. The Trust for Public Lands is handling the project. The chapter has adopted the Volunteer Trail and Day loop at Long Hunter State Park.

New officers were elected as follows: president, Jerri Bull; vice president, Tom Sheppard; corresponding secretary-treasurer, Dot Lingerfelt; recording secretary, Evelyn Tretter; director, Bertha Chrietzberg; director, Betty Porter, to fill unexpired term of Jerri Bull.

Awards: The TTA Award was given to Ken Humphreys, a TTA member who lives in Memphis. The Bill Stutz Award went to Bob Barnett of the Nashville Chapter. Humphreys had been nominated by the Shelby County Board of Commissioners and the Tennessee Historical Commission in a joint letter which cited Humphreys' 30 years of founding and supporting historical hiking trails and trails in state parks and at the Memphis Water Front. He established the Historical Hiking Trail Guide which covers trails in all parts of the country. Bob Barnett was nominated by the Nashville chapter for his leadership in supporting and protecting trails for a number of years and for his energetic term as TTA president, during which he led the fight against the zoo in Long Hunter, and was instrumental in establishing the new TTA chapters at Clarksville and Cookeville.

The board voted to award Dot Fowler \$200 in back pay for her work on the newsletter.

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Events of the weekend were a potluck supper and Show and Tell on Friday night, a program on folk by Bobby Fulcher, silent auction and campfire Saturday night and Herman Baggenstoss's demonstration of the Tennessee stump stove.

Evelyn Tretter, recording secretary