



TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES - ANNUAL MEETING November 2, 1990

The meeting was held at the group camp lodge at Montgomery Bell State Park. About 75 people registered for the three-day activities. The Nashville Chapter was host.

Charley Hann, Nashville Chapter chairman, welcomed the attendees. The president, Jerri Bull, gave a short statement about the year's work.

Chapter chairmen gave brief reports. Bettie Herring, Murfreesboro, stated that a grant of \$1,000 from Wal-Mart Inc. through the Madison store is expected to be forthcoming, for use by the chapter in their work with the Black Fox Wetlands Preservation League. James Leininger, speaking for the Cookeville Chapter in the absence of the chairman, said the active chapter has 39 members and a good number attend chapter meetings. Debbie Gilbert, Memphis, said the Memphis Chapter has temporarily suspended their adoption of the Chickasaw Bluff Trail and has adopted trails at Fisherville Lake, administered by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Jerri Shuttles, Chattanooga, stated that though there is no organized TTA chapter in Chattanooga, TTA members have plenty of hiking opportunities as there are several hiking clubs in the area.

It was announced that the Cookeville Chapter will host the annual meeting in 1991, place and date to be announced.

It was announced that the association now has 578 members.

The nominating committee submitted the following slate of officers for 1991. There were no nominations from the floor. New officers elected are: Tom Shepherd, president; Bob Barnett, vice-president; Dot Lingerfelt, corresponding secretary-treasurer; Evelyn Tretter, recording secretary; Sally Garrard, director.

Awards: The TTA Award was presented to Bertha Chrietzberg. Jerri Bull received the Bill Stutz Award. Plaques were presented and Jerri received also the famous trophy, one of the late Bill Stutz's boots, which he mounted before his death, sprayed with gold and decorated with artificial flowers. This is a rotating trophy. A certificate of appreciation was presented in absentia to Gene Curp, with Bob Barnett making the presentation. Barnett stated that Curp, who seldom attends a meeting because he is usually out backpacking or working on a trail, has reported on trails inspections more than anyone in the association.

It was announced that a new TTA brochure will soon be printed.

Bob Richards, state trails liaison for the Department of Conservation, made a brief statement on the status of the state trails system. He said the Mountain Goat Trail, along an old railroad bed from Monteagle to Cowan, will soon have a brochure, and that Section of 9 of the Cumberland Trail (south end at Chattanooga) will soon be complete.

Bob Brown, Cumberland Trail chairman for TTA, said that Williams Island at the head of the Tennessee River Gorge at Chattanooga, a state natural and archaeological area, is in the process of being developed. The island is visible from the Cumberland Trail at Signal Point. Brown said Bobby Harbin, CT manager for the north sections, lost his assistant. Brown said he would ask the department of conservation to restore this assistant and a crew. More than 100 miles of the trail are under Harbin's supervision. Brown reported that a cave at Head of Sequatchie has been acquired by the state. It is near the CT and will be reached by a side trail. Brown asked the chapter chairmen to let him know if they wish to arrange special hikes on the CT.

Brown suggested that individuals write the governor recommending that the post of state trails administrator be reinstated. He said work has started on the Natchez Trace Trail near Nashville. A citizen's group, the Trailblazers, is forming work parties.

Evelyn Tretter, recording secretary

Other weekend activities included optional trips to the Grand Ole Opry and the "wildlife on Second Avenue;" hikes; auction conducted by David Stiddem; and music on Saturday evening by Bob Barnett at the harmonica and Randy Gibson with guitar.