



# TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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## MINUTES

### FIRST QUARTER BOARD MEETING

February 26, 1994

The meeting was held at the Inn at Montgomery Bell State Park. Several members had spent the morning clearing trees from trails after the ice storm.

#### Present:

Rob Weber  
Bob Barnett  
Judy Van Cleave  
Evelyn Tretter  
J. T. Jones  
Debbie Gilbert

Colette Dill  
J. R. Tate  
Paul Miller  
Bessie Daniel

Also Present: Genice Johnson  
Jim Johnson  
Jean Myers  
Wanda Cumberland

Absent:  
Bertha Chrietzberg  
Bob Stephenson

#### Also Present:

Bob Brown  
Alan Stokes  
Pam Castleberry  
Eileen Hurt  
Arleen Barnett  
J. D. Myers  
Ann Lowe  
Marguerite Rubel  
Susan Weber

Chapter Reports: The Murfreesboro Chapter is still working with Black Fox Wetlands. They have donated money for an observation platform and cleaned up. The Clarksville Chapter will host the 1994 annual meeting at Happy Hills Acres Nov. 3, 4 and 5. The brochure for the Stewart Forest trail will be ready in March. The chapter has planned hikes weekly and more. It was reported there are new people at every meeting of the Memphis Chapter. The Commercial Appeal ran another story on TTA in January. The chapter holds work days on Holly Springs National Forest trails in Mississippi. The Cookeville Chapter is publishing a chapter newsletter, which seems to help hold new members. One easy and one difficult hike are planned each month. The name of the chapter has been changed to the Upper Cumberland Chapter. The Nashville Chapter assembles and mails the newsletter each month, among other activities. They usually have dinner at a restaurant before meetings. Paul Miller reported that Denise Charvoz has offered one acre of land in White County to TTA. No decision was made on whether the association would accept the offer. Decision was made not to accept this offer.

To celebrate National Trails Day, the Big South Fork is asking for volunteers to do trail work on that date, June 4. The Upper Cumberland Chapter will participate. This will be announced in the newsletter.

A suggestion has been made that hike leaders put TTA banners on their cars so hikers can readily find them at the meeting place.

The president, Rob Weber, said chapter chairmen should ask their members to report trees down on trails and other work needed.

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

A format for the proposed membership directory was decided on. It will consist of typed list bound in cover. The chapters will rotate the duty of assembling. It will sell for \$1.00.

Bob Barnett said the 25th TTA Anniversary luncheon will be held at Cumberland Mountain State Park on July 9.

Alan Stokes displayed his designs for 25th anniversary logos. A motion was passed to adopt one of them for a statewide shoulder patch. Chapters are free to use the others for T-shirts, etc.

The president suggested TTA sponsorship for projects for trails on public lands, the board to decide on granting such aid on a one-by-one basis. As an example, Franklin State Forest needs to update brochures. The president will follow up on this.

~~Bob Barnett~~ Bob Barnett  
The president announced that dedication of the state's newest natural area, Short Springs at Tullahoma, will be held on the day of the spring hike, April 17. Dennis Horn is asking for volunteers to work on trails previous to that date. Bob Barnett will contact TTA members in the area and also give a list of these members to Dennis with phone numbers.

Bob Barnett continues to work on organizing a chapter in Knoxville.

Rob Brown, reporting on the Cumberland Trail, said the only section open and used is in Prentice Cooper State Forest at the south end. It is possible to work on Section 5 over Brady Mountain and Black Mountain in Cumberland County.

Evelyn Tretter, Secretary

Regarding membership, the president said a contact phone number should be placed on every brochure given out. He suggested using local newspapers to announce activities and other news, with a phone number included in every instance.

A motion was passed to have Bob Barnett do a postcard mailing for 1993 members who have not renewed.

The president said the next two board meetings will be on June 18 and Sept. 10.

Evelyn Tretter, secretary