

TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

INC

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MINUTES FIRST QUARTER BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 1995

The meeting was held at the Tennessee Department of Conservation, Nashville, preceded by a hike in Shelby Bottoms and followed by dinner at the Gerst Haus.

Present
Rob Weber Bessie Daniel
Jim Johnson Heloise Shilstat
Judy Van Cleve J. R. Tate
Evelyn Tretter Harold Draper
Ninez Giles Jim Poteet
Paul Miller

Bessie Daniel Bertha Chrietzberg
Heloise Shilstat Marvin Shanks
J. R. Tate Debbie Gilbert
Harold Draper David Dill

Also Present
Barbara Croman
Edward and Stacey
Joyce

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Pam Miller
Jenice Johnson
Bob Brown
Bob Barnett
Susan Weber
Bob Richards
Arleen Barnett
Wanda Cumberland
Kurt Huskey

A motion was passed to have chapters sell 25th anniversary T-shirts and keep the money.

A motion was passed to join the American Hiking Society for \$25/year.

A motion was passed to consider the feasibility of redesigning the membership directory to include ads at \$25, \$50 and \$100 and to give the directory free to members.

The president, Rob Weber, appointed a committee to make recommendations on redesigning the directory, composed of Jim Poteet, Paul Miller, Bob Barnett and Jim Johnson.

The president announced that Page 9 of the newsletter will be devoted to permanent information for members and monthly listing of new members.

Bob Brown showed a copy of the revised hiking trails book by Evan Means, now titled <u>Hiking Tennessee Trails</u>, which Bob Brown has edited. He stated that TTA now gets the royalties from the book.

A motion was passed to have the state board purchase copies of <u>Hiking</u> Tennessee Trails to be sold through the newsletter and by chapters.

Chapter Reports: East Tennessee - Harold Draper, interim chairman, reported progress in determining the feasibility of organizing an East Tennessee chapter. Literature is being passed out, well-attended hikes are held and one hike a month for a year has been scheduled. Interest seems to be centered in the Oak Ridge-Norris area.

Murfreesboro - Eloise Shilstat said the chapter is being restructured.

Earth Day will be observed with a clean-up along Stones River.

Nashville - Jim Poteet reported that usually about one-fourth of the well-attended meetings are new members. Upper Cumberland - Paul Miller displayed copies of the chapter newsletter and a guide book for new members.

Bob Brown reported good attendance at the Jan. 11 meeting of TTA and the Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association to push the designating of the Piney River as a state scenic river. The purpose was erroneously reported in the minutes of the Nov. 5, 1994, board meeting (see correction below).

Bob Barnett, coordinator for National Trails Day, said he is encouraging each chapter to plan one hike in observance of the day, June 3.

A motion was passed to donate \$250 to Historic Rugby to acquire 151 acres, part of the original colony, 1-1/2 miles along Big Oak Creek.

The president said a list is to be made up of VIP's - legislators, county executives, etc. - to receive the newsletter in order to promote the Cumberland Trail and other trails issues. Chapter chairmen should send the president a suggested list of these people in their area.

There was a discussion of restructuring \(\) TTA board to get more statewide representation, possibly by eliminating the three director positions and electing persons to represent the large divisions of the state. The president appointed a committee composed of the president, Paul Miller, Heloise Shilstat, Howard Draper and Debbie Gilbert to consider this matter and make recommendation s to board.

Evelyn Tretter, recording secretary

CORRECTION to the Nov. 5, 1994, board meeting minutes: Second sentence of the paragraph beginning "The Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association" should read:

"The subject will be getting the PineyRiver designated a state scenic river."