



# TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

INC.

P.O. Box 41446  
Nashville, Tennessee 37204

ANNUAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 16, 1996

The meeting was held at the group lodge at Cedars of Lebanon State Park. About 75 people attended.

The following officers for 1997-1998 were elected: president, Harold Draper; vice president, Jim Poteet; treasurer, Judy Cleary; secretary, Evelyn Tretter; director, Eric Wilson of Rugby, to take the place of Bessie Daniel, whose term is expiring.

The TTA Award was presented to the Scott's Gulf Committee, headed by Paul Miller, for their efforts to get Scott's Gulf for public land. Each organization represented on the committee was presented with a certificate.

The Bill Stutz Award was presented to Marvin Shanks for his work in getting the Cumberland Mountain Chapter reestablished.

It was announced that TTA's session of the Breakaway program for 1997 will be held the first three weeks in March at three sites on the Cumberland Trail with two to four schools participating. Volunteers are needed, especially planners to help with food logistics. Also donations of treated lumber are needed. Contact Arleen Barnett or Rob Weber. Cumberland Trail patches are awarded for 24 hours of trail work.

Chapter reports: Clarksville is maintaining local trails. East Tennessee has had 15 hikes this year, with 182 people participating. Murfreesboro has conducted a beginners backpacking course. Chapter members went on the opening hike to dedicate the Stones River Greenway Trail, with Congressman Bart Gordon present. The chapter is planning regular work on the 15-mile Twin Forks Trail. Nashville is negotiating with the Corps of Engineers to have the chapter build an access trail to the Indiantown Bluff Trail at Ashland City. Plateau members reported that 18 to 25 people show up for hikes, with the chapter not yet a year old. Upper Cumberland member Paul Miller reported that the Scott's Gulf project is going great. Bridgestone Company (owners) top executives are having internal meetings on the proposed deal, with several steps left to go. TTA members are urged to write to the governor and legislators urging state purchase of the area for a state natural area, expressing their desires.

It was announced that a letter has been received from Mrs. Evan Means, expressing the appreciation of Evan and herself for TTA dedicating the \$2000 donation for Scott's Gulf to Evan.

Other weekend activities included auction, a bluegrass concert, and a field trip with Dr. Elsie Quarterman, cedar glade expert.

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

*Evelyn Tretter*  
Recording Secretary

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Apparently the vote to amend  
the by-laws was omitted from  
minutes. This was for the adoption  
of the amended by-law No. 7.

See note-minutes of May 24, 1997,  
board meeting.