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that the focus on the CT will have a big impact on donations. A web page has been set up for both the CTC and TTA. On July 19, a barbeque will be held for the Cumberland Trail. The committee expects financial and other support to come from the Rotary Club of East Tennessee. Also, the committee plans a two-day trail training in the Fall. Ms. Alison Brayton is the state Recreation Services Division contact for the Cumberland Trail.

The president reported that Bob Brown was the TTA representative to a new state trails and greenways council. This is the successor group to the State Trails Council of Tennessee. Bob Brown was TTA's representative on the previous trails council. The deadline for trail writeups for the revision of the Tennessee Trails book was given as August 31. Members should look at the current book and see if new trails need to be added. The Board agreed that a continued association of TTA with the Tennessee Trails book was beneficial to the organization in both financial and name recognition areas. Bob Barnett reported that the Tennessee General Assembly did not pass a bill on forestry practices this session. Also, a bill was killed that would seek to encourage TVA to give land in Maury County back to the county. Although a decision has not been reached, hope was expressed that the land would eventually be owned and managed by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

The President announced that award nominations were needed for the August Board meeting. In addition, the Board needed to present a slate of nominees for office in 1998 to members at the annual meeting.

The remainder of the meeting was occupied by a continuation of the organizational needs discussion first presented at the February board meeting. The President presented his assessment of TTA as an organization and stated several recommendations related to organizational structure and association management. Other members discussed the pros and cons of this and previous proposals. No proposals were voted on.

The president recommended that the third quarter board meeting be held in southeast Tennessee near the Ocoee River. He agreed to check on dates when a Saturday morning raft trip could be arranged.

A motion was passed to have TTA write a letter to the proper authorities stating that the association is in favor of giving the Columbia dam land to Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Harold Draper abstained. Jim Poteet will write the letter.

A motion was passed to conduct a survey of TTA members regarding projects and reorganization of TTA.

Harold Draper and Evelyn Tretter

See Sheet 3

Present

Harold Draper
Jim Potteet
Evelyn Tretter
Rob Weber
Bob Barnett
Ray and Martye Burkett
Bertha Chrietzberg
Ninez Giles
Debbie Gilbert
Mike Harvey
Libby Francis

Absent

Judy Cleary
Eric Wilson
Wanda Cumberland
Judith Bartlow
Mary Kelly
Eric Wilson

Also present

John Martin
Margaret Dixon
Ken Novak
Carolyn Pierce
Woody Pierce
Gloria Norrid
Barbara Harris
Susan Weber
Arleen Barnett
Betty Porter
Anne Lindholm

NOTE: The vote to change the by-laws to have the directors-at-large elected from the three divisions of the state (west, middle and east) was omitted from the minutes of the annual meeting of November 16, 1996.