Nashville, Tennessee 37204

FIRST QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 21, 1998

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The meeting was held at the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, L&C Tower, Nashville.

Present: Also Present Jim Poteet Harold Draper Judy Cleary Suva Bastin Denise Arleen Barnett Eric Wilson Bertha Chrietzberg June Miller Charvoz Evelyn Tretter Gloria Norrid, Wanda Cumberland Libby Francis Judy Wood Ray Burkett Mike Harvey Judith Bartlow Alan Stokes Susan Weber Barbara Phifler Don Coffman Dave Walton Andy Stevens Martye Ninez Giles Mary Kelly Debbie Gilbert Jenice . . Burkatt Rob Weber (represented by Johnson Jim Johnson designated board chairman Gloria Norrid)

Chapter Reports: Murfreesboro - The chapter will take part in the opening ceremony of the Stones River Greenway on April 26; Cumberland Mountain - It was reported that many trails in the area are closed due to the snowstorms. There is a call for volunteers. Call chapter chairman if you are interested - Eric Wilson, 423-628-2817; East Tennessee - There is increased participation on hikes but more leadership needed; Upper Cumberland - A good group is pushing for more numbers; Nashville - Mrs. Sally Beaman will attend a chapter meeting to receive the TTA Award for her family. The chapter will be involved Beaman will attend a chapter meeting - in the development of Nashville's Beaman Park in north Davidson County, on land purchased by the Beaman family; Plateau - Chapter has had about 100% renewals of memberships and many hikers - 40 on one hike; Membhis More visitors are attending meetings and members are eager to work on trail maintenance. The chapter has display booths at public functions and conducts fund raisers. Clarksville - Chapter has good attendance for hikes. The chapter continues to work with the Corps of Engineers to build a connector trail to Indiantown Bluff. Their member J. R. Te be is planning to walk the Appalachian Trail again this year.

It was announced that publishing of the membership directory has been postponed due to slow collection of membership fees.

Mike Harvey said he is in the process of writing a membership manual.

The president, Jim Poteet, suggested that all chapters plan an observance of Trails Day, June 6, and publicize the special events to get new members.

Work is in progress in forming new chapters at Cumberland Gap and Tullahoma.

The board approved the Cumberland Trail Conference as an associate organization.

Rob Weber said material for Breakaway trail work is needed, especially treated wood, used or new.

Breakaway T-shirts to be given to volunteers of Breakaway, designed by Alan Stokes, were displayed.

A motion was passed to donate \$350 for Breakaway T-shirts.

A working copy of the agreement between TTA and the Tennessee Departmen of Environment and Conservation was passed out. This is an agreement fo TTA's provision of trail development and maintenance. Work is proceedi with the state.

Evelyn Tretter, recording secretary

Correction: The minutes for the 1997 annual meeting, dated November 1, 1997, listing the awards given by the Cumberland Trail Conference, contained erroneous wording. Paragraph 6, last sentence, should read:
"The Cumberland Trail Conference presented two new awards: The Bob Brown Volunteer of the Year Award went to Jim Lifsen for trail work. The Cumberland Trail Award went to Morgan County Regional Correctional Facility for work on the CT: by inmates."

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