

TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION 2003 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

November 15, 2004

TTA members from across the state gathered in Townsend, Tennessee, for the Tennessee Trails Association 2003 Annual meeting, which was hosted by the following chapters: East Tennessee, Cove Lake, and Big South Fork. After the business meeting the annual TTA Auction was held.

1. Welcome

Saturday, November 15, 2004, 6:30 p.m.

Leigh Jones, TTA president, welcome all to the annual meeting.

2. Chapter reports

Chapter reports were given by all chapters except two, and all present enjoyed hearing about the various hikes and activities happening across the state.

3. Regional Reps reports

Brent Morris, Middle Tennessee At-Large Director, reported that there has been a lot of activity. He said that for National Trails Day June Parker led a group down and that for National Public Lands Day there were three scheduled activities.

Jerry Lenski, West Tennessee At-Large Director, reported that much activity has centered around helping with the development of a new chapter in Jackson and that the petition for forming this new chapter will be presented to the Board on Sunday, November 16. He said that on May 1 there was a hike with 12 people and that there was another hike on May 17. Other hikes were scheduled, and people showed much interest.

4. Associate Organization reports

CTC

The report from CTC started with the call to stand up if you've worked on the CT. Rob Weber reported that 170 miles of the CT has been completed and that 70 miles of trail are under design and construction. He said that the CTC is "going strong" with a \$22.5 million total package. For the upcoming year, the CTC staff will be as follows: Interim Executive Director, Barry Spearman; Development Director, Arleen Decker; Program Coordinator, Mark Stanfill; Office Manager, Susan Weber; and CTC Advisor, Rob Weber. \$1.7 million has been given to CTC, and CTC is moving into Phase II of the overall plan: to buy another four gorges and to raise \$650,000 next year (2004).

A report was given about BreakAway 2004. At this time, 16 schools have signed up to come, and there is much excitement about the planning for trail work that will take place the Rock/Possum/Soddy area of the CT. There is also a great need for volunteers. Carol Haley talked about the "adopt a food" idea to help with meals and asked for assistance from the TTA chapters. Chapters can buy food items and bring to the CTC office or chapter members can send money to purchase food items.

At this time a plaque was presented to Rob Weber. He thanked everyone and said, "We've got to continue the work!"

5. Proposed Revisions of TTA bylaws

Jim Poteet introduced the "Proposed Revision to the Bylaws of the Tennessee Trails Association." The noted the need "for ongoing leadership" for TTA.

- A motion was made to accept the proposed revisions to the bylaws; this motion passed.

6. Election of Officers

Leigh Jones said how glad she was that she had "accepted the challenge" when she was asked to become a state officer in TTA. She presented the following slate of officers for 2004 TTA Board of Directors as had been put forward by the nominating committee (Jim Poteet, Leigh Jones, Diane Manas, and Jerry Lenski): Fount Bertram, president; Anne Wesley, vice president; Nancy Juodenas, secretary; June Parker, treasurer; Toni Reeves, membership director; and Arleen Decker, East Tennessee regional representative.

•A motion was made and seconded to accent this slate of officers for 2004. The motion passed, and these persons (along with the chapter representatives, the other at-large regional directors, the two immediate past presidents and the associate organization representatives) will form the TTA leadership team for 2004.

7. Presentation of Awards

The following awards were presented:

Tennessee Trails Award, Jim Poteet
Bill Stutz Award, Leigh Jones
Golden Squirrel Award, Mark Stanfill

The meeting was adjourned, and the auction began.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Clark
TTA Secretary, 2002-2003