

Fourth Quarter Board of Directors Meeting
Tennessee Trails Association
Sunday, November 7, 2004

In Attendance: Nora Beck, Fount Bertram, Anna Bertram, Jim Clark, Gary Cooper, Libby Francis, Paul Freeman, David Furse, Bill Hamilton, Leigh Jones, Nancy Juodenas, Rick Lausten, Gloria Lenski, Jerry Lenski, Rosemary Marshall, Carolyn Miller, Brent Morris, June Parker, Doug Ratliff, Toni Reeves, Richard Savage, Sandra Spearman, Anne Wesley.

Fount welcomed everyone and opened the meeting by announcing that the 2004 Annual meeting had set a record attendance of 155 people, and that \$6,100 had been raised.

The minutes from the 3rd quarter board meeting were approved.

Chapter Reports

Memphis: Gloria Lenski announced that the upcoming newsletters would have information about this year's annual meeting(2004), as far as money that had been raised and donors etc.

Jackson: Gary Cooper is the new chair of this chapter. He announced that they have 25 members, of which 18 are active. They will be distributing leaflets in Health clubs to advertise that chapter.

Northwest: Anna and Jim Clark were responsible for writing the beautiful hike descriptions for the annual meeting. They also sent articles to the local paper. They suggested that we open up the annual meeting auctions to the public. Their chapter had not been doing much in the way of hikes because of annual meeting preparations.

Clarksville: Judith Tate will be the chair and JR Tate will be the hike coordinator. He is planning to coordinate the hikes "committee style" so that everyone's needs can be met. This chapter hikes the Land Between the Lake Trail twice a year to help maintain and report anything that needs taking care of.

Nashville: David Furse announced his coming resignation and that Nashville is

looking for a new chair. He sends out an e-bulletin called Trail Connections to update chapter members and keep them current. He also said that it has been a challenge to keep up attendance at the monthly meetings since the meeting site had been changed. He said that attendance varies from 20- 60 people. The Nashville chapter has donated \$1400 to The Cumberland Trail and other trail projects, this year.

Murfreesboro: Anna Bertram announced that next year's annual meeting will be October 14, 15, and 16th. It will be a joint effort between the Murfreesboro, Highland Rim, and Franklin/Columbia Chapters. She also said that there is interest in planning one backpack per month among people in her chapter.

Highland Rim: Doug Ratliff said there are 25 members in this chapter. They are trying to make a loop trail at Short Springs. Fount mentioned that SCSP was grateful for their work.

Columbia/Franklin: Rick Lausten said they have 33 members of which 12 are hard core. They are trying to increase participation for CTC work. They are also trying to enlist younger members into their chapter. Rick suggested that we have a centralized data base of speakers for chapter meetings. Fount said that he will set up contact information. Fount also suggested that Board members make themselves available for meetings and said that TTA has a slide show that is available for programs.

Upper Cumberland: Richard Savage has spent 3 months in Australia and is available for programs. This chapter has from 10- 15 people on hikes. They try to hike every Saturday. They seem to have no trouble getting leaders.

Plateau: Carolyn Miller announced that they are still having their weekly Wed. hikes, which are attended mostly by retirees. These retirees keep the chapter active. A tornado closed the trails at Cumberland Mtn. State Park. There was going to be a work day on Nov. 20 from 8:30- 12:00 to clean up the trail.

East Tennessee: Rosemary Marshall said they have good attendance. They have 27 hikes planned for 2005.

Membership Report

Toni Reeves reported that Garnett Rush will be taking over her position and Toni will begin training her in December. There are 665 active members in the state

wide organization. New membership was slow in August, but there has been some new activity going on since October.

Evan Means Small Grants

Leigh Jones reported that there have been no applications received. We have \$3000 per year to allocate in small grants. The new grant application cycle will start in Feb. Leigh can help with grant writing and she also has the applications. Evan Means Grant information is on the TTA website. There is \$1400 left for 2004. Fount asked for a motion to supplement the grant fund with TTA money if the contributions do not meet the \$3000 per year mark. Anne suggested that we table the motion until we have a budget.

CTC

The TTA/CTC audit report got formal board approval. June Parker said she will put together a 2005 budget based on 2004.

Paul Freeman and Barry Spearman reported that, Bowater has donated, as a conservation easement, quite a bit of land that CTC had earmarked money for. So basically CTC has more money, but they have to ask donors if this money can be used for other things. Some donations are restricted.

Awards

TTA Award: Rob and Susan Weber

Bill Stutz Award: Jerry Lenski

Golden Squirrel: Doug Burroughs

Area Reps Reports

West TN: Jerry Lenski says he has been focusing on helping Jackson and a sister chapter in Camden.

Middle TN: Brent Morris has been trying to get people involved with Soddy Daisy chapter. He said one person came to an organizational meeting, but no one wants to take on the leadership. He said Soddy Daisy is very important because of the Cumberland Trail. He also said there is a lot of competition for members from Chattanooga.

East TN: Arlene is the rep, but is not. We need a new rep.

Final Business and Comments

There was some discussion about the format of the membership directory. Fount suggested that we delete the work numbers and add e-mails. Fount said he will talk to Jim Poteet about adding these, since he does the directory.

Fount read a letter from Ken Novak, requesting the retiring of the Golden Squirrel Award and a formal apology from the Board for having been nominated. There was much discussion, but it was agreed that the Golden Squirrel should not be retired, but that it should be a formal process of nomination and that the nominees should be forewarned. It was agreed that Fount would write a letter, from the Board, of apology for the impromptu manner in which the nominations were conducted this year. It was also decided that each chapter should submit their nominations before the annual meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Juodenas

TTA Secretary, 2004

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