

Tennessee Trails Association – Annual Business Meeting
Saturday, October 15, 2005
Dubose Conference Center, Monteagle, TN

The Business Meeting was held beginning at 7:00 PM. A roll call of Chapters revealed that there were TTA members attending the meeting from all chapters except for Cove Lake and Soddy Daisy.

The 2005 Annual meeting had 200 attendees including guests.

The Chapters responsible for hosting the 2005 annual meeting were recognized for their efforts: Murfreesboro, Highland Rim, and Columbia/Franklin.

Three Murfreesboro chapter members presented a skit about their backpacking trip in the Smoky Mountains that was impacted by a bear.

TTA Awards for 2005 were presented by Anne Wesley.

Bill Stutz Award: Fount Bertram

Tennessee Trails Award: Warren and Carol Devine

Golden Squirrel Award: Jim Schroeder

New Business

- Petition to prevent the State of Tennessee from allowing water to be removed from the Piney River. This is a small river in West Tennessee and taking water out of the water could impact fishing and water sports. The petition was placed at the back of the meeting room to allow for persons to sign the petition.
- The Columbia/Franklin Chapter has been collecting spare change to donate to the Cumberland Trail Breakaway program. They have donated \$120.00 to this program.
- The Murfreesboro Chapter has also made a donation to the Cumberland Trail.
- CTC and TTA Relationship. Anne Wesley and Fount Bertram plan to visit the Secretary of State. Working toward CTC having its own 501 C-3 by the first of the year. Further discussions about the relationship will be held during the Board Meeting on October 16.
- The nominating committee submitted the following slate of candidates for 2006.

President: Anne Wesley

Vice-President: Rosemary Marshall

Treasurer: LouAnn Partington

Secretary: Carolyn Miller

Membership Director: Garnett Rush

East Tennessee Representative: Charlie Jones

Nominations from the floor were requested, but none were made. A motion was made to accept the slate of candidates by acclamation. The motion was seconded and the slate of candidates were accepted by the membership.

Presentations:

Paul Freeman gave a presentation about the Cumberland Trail Conference (CTC). He made a short statement about the financial separation of CTC and TTA.

His other comments were concerning the number of miles of trail that the CTC has built in 2005.

Jeffrey Hunter gave a presentation about the American Hiking Society (AHS) and its programs. February 12 –16, 2006, Trails Advocacy Week in Washington, D.C. The 2006 National Trails Day will be June 3. The theme is "Experience Your Outdoors". Next Southeast Foot Trails Conference will be May 3 – 7, 2007.

Announcements:

Jim Schroeder gave an update on the trailbuilding that is underway in the Tennessee part of the Walls of Jericho.

Fount Bertram gave an update about trailbuilding opportunities in the Yanahli land near Columbia.

Leigh Jones announced that TTA has \$3000 for the Evan Means Small Grant Program. The deadline for application is December 31, 2005.

TTA needs a newsletter editor for 2006.

The General Membership meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Miller

TTA Secretary