

4th Quarter Board Meeting of Tennessee Trails Association
October 22, 2006 PM Central
Brandon Springs, LBL, Dover, TN

In Attendance: Anne Wesley, Anna Bertram, Fount Bertram, Gary Cooper, Don Dresser, Merri Hinton, Rosemary Marshall, Carolyn Miller, LouAnn Partington, Jim Johnson, Sherrie Yokley, Paul Freeman, Carolyn Pierce, Garnett Rush

Absent: Leigh Jones, Brent Morris, Tim & Lynn Takacs, Richard Helm, Doug Ratliff, Jim Clark, James Hubert, Richard Savage

Visitors: Jenice Johnson, Diane Manas.

Meeting called to order at 8:31 AM.

I. Approval of August 2006 Minutes. Motion to accept as written, seconded and passed.

II. 2007 Budget - Treasurer's Report. LouAnn Partington distributed a Draft Budget. Based on monies received, we are behind in Individual memberships.

Discussed ads sold to support the Membership Directory. Chapter Chairs could find contacts in their area, so that a statewide representative (Diane Manas) could sell the ad.

IRS penalty of \$840. Penalty levied because a form was not filed with the IRS. The accountant did not provide this form, so it was not sent to the IRS along with the other paperwork. Awaiting reply from IRS.

Cost for newsletters.

Chapter Allocations are budgeted each year. Calculation: \$2/member for up to 50 members. Minimum amount: \$100. Nashville capped at \$400.

Discussed producing an electronic version of the newsletter or providing a "members only" area on the website.

Amazon money. LouAnn and Jim Poteet have been working together to get the Amazon rebate directly deposited into the TTA account.

Insurance. Premium for insurance for Officers D & O would be \$1000. Property and liability insurance (\$600) should be shared by CTC.

Motion by Garnett Rush to accept 2007 budget. Second by Carolyn Miller. Motion passed with no opposition.

III. Evan Means Small Grants

Two to three applicants for 2007

Discussed of funding of Evan Means grants.

Motion: donations made in honor or in memory, be allocated to the Evan Means Grants, up to the level of the current year budget, unless otherwise designated by the board and approved by the board. Seconded by Sherri

Yokley. Motion passed.

IV. Regional Representative Reports.

(a) Brent Morris ill and not able to attend. Sent a written report. Quickly reviewed by Anne Wesley.

(b) Don Dresser. Plans to meet with the Memphis Chapter.

V. Friends of Cumberland Trail State Park.

Arleen Decker unable to attend the TTA annual meeting, so Fount Bertram made announcements for the Friends of Cumberland Trail State Park.

First Board meeting will be in November 2006.

They will be present at the Friends of State Parks annual meeting weekend of October 28.

- Don Dresser gave an overview of August meeting between CTC, State Park, and Friends of Cumberland Trail State park:

- Plenty of work for all.
- Will need to work together to keep from overlapping fundraising efforts.

- Paul Freeman comments:

- New president of the Friends Group, Brooke, has been out of town.
- Paul and Arleen have been in contact, but no meeting scheduled.
- Still some issues of similar mission statement between CTC and Friends of Cumberland Trail State Park.

V. Request for use of TTA Listserv.

- Two requests: one selling a cabin. It was rejected. They were referred to the "For Sale" area of the TTA website.
- Ed and Arleen Decker wanted to advertise their "hiking hostel". However, they have withdrawn their request.

VI. Old Business

(a). Separation of CTC and TTA.

Paul Freeman: Not recommending a separation at this time. However, need a by-law revision of TTA and CTC.

(b). By-law Revision.

Revisions must be voted on by the General membership.

- Areas for revision: inactive chapters, new awards.

President Anne Wesley has appointed Don Dresser to chair a committee to revise the by-laws. First draft to be presented to the board by May 2007 meeting.

- Define relationship with CTC with respect to Tennessee Corporation Law.
- Need mechanism to tell CTC how to operate/supervise the actions of CTC.

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- CTC assets need to be reported along with the TTA treasurer's report.

Paul Freeman. Many of these issues are how we currently operate and by-law revision would formalize the process.

- o Quarterly, CTC sends a financial report to TTA treasurer.
- o Fount recalls that the CTC by-laws were originally approved by the TTA Board at the time of formation.

Question concerning where the money comes to pay Paul. He is paid by CTC and CTC is partially funded by a state grant. The grant is funded annually.

(c). Tennessee Conservation Voters.

TTA does not have an active member on the Board, but we have been asked to designate a board representative. They meet once a month and occasionally have a called meeting. We have not paid our dues, because we have not received an invoice.

Garnett Rush has volunteered to be our representative.

(d). Clarksville Chapter. Great job of hosting the meeting.

December newsletter will have totals and acknowledgements.

Discussion/Observations:

- Registration Fee should remain \$15.
- Annual meeting needs to remain in October or November to keep the period of time between the annual meeting and the February meeting.

VII. New Business.

- a. 2007 Annual Meeting – Plateau/Upper Cumberland Chapters.
 - i. Information to follow.
- b. 2009 Annual Meeting - East Tennessee willing to host.
- c. Dates of Board Meeting. **Motion:** 2nd Quarter board meeting scheduled for April 28. Seconded. Motion passed. **Motion** for board meeting dates for 2007: February 3, April 28, August 4 and TBA (annual meeting). Seconded and motion passed. Garnett Rush has volunteered to host the board meetings at her house.
- d. New Board Members. If you have a new chapter chair, send their name, address, e-mail address to Anne Wesley, the newsletter editor, Leslie el-Sayed, and Jim Poteet.
- e. Future annual meetings – other discussions.
 - i. May want to work on a regional basis.

- ii. May want to plan/reserve locations several years in advance.
- iii. Auction is a lot of work.
- iv. There is a manual concerning how to do the annual meeting. However, it appears that the original manual may have been misplaced and the information is less than necessary.

- f. Advertising in TTA information was passed around.
- g. CTC requests hikers to assist with trail reports. Also asking for people to hike new sections of the trail in order to keep them open.
 - Paul Freeman passed around a CTC Fall events brochure.
 - Breakaway 2007: will be up North at a church camp located on Norris Lake.
 - Camporee: All Boy Scout councils in North Georgia and Tennessee and one in South Kentucky have been contacted.
 - Big Dig will be moved forward and follow the breakaway program.
 - 50-mile patch: Hike 50 miles on CT and work 10 hours on the trail.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Miller
TTA Secretary