

**TTA General Membership Meeting
Townsend, TN
November 7, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

I. Opening Statements.

Rosemary Marshall made some comments about the past two years serving as President. Eleven chapters two years ago and now have 15 chapters.

II Introduction of the three Regional Representatives.

- East Tennessee Regional Rep – Joe Matlock
Instrumental in reorganizing the Soddy Daisy chapter in 2008.
- Middle Tennessee Regional Rep – Libby Francis
Instrumental in forming the Sumner Chapter formed in 2009.
- West Tennessee Regional Rep – Graydon Swisher
Instrumental in forming the Dyer County chapter in 2009.
Also reorganized the Martin Chapter and the chapter has regained active status

III. Chapter Reports

- Big South Fork – no representative
- Clarksville – Paul Schwab
Thanked the East Tennessee Chapter for their hard work to organize the annual meeting and auction.
Currently have 40 members.
Several hikes, one float trip and a pontoon boat ride
Earth Day event
Spring Fling at Dunbar
Built trail at LBL for National Trails Day
Rotary Park – National Public Lands Day event
Annual bonfire
- Cove Lake – Richard Helm
Schedule two hikes per month.
One easy and one more difficult.
Six hour cruise on the Tennessee River.
Routinely build trail or maintain trail.
Larry Ryan – member received the Bob Brown Award for the most hours spent working on CT during 2008.
Warm months – meet at Cove Lake State Park.
Christmas party – have a multimedia event planned to showcase past year.
New website – link through TTA website.
- Columbia/Franklin –
31 – 35 members.
Advertise at library and in the local newspapers.
Rainy weather in the spring limited the number of hikes.

Stillhouse Hollow – used chapter funds to replace the wooden stairs with steel stairs.

Collect money at each meeting to donate to CTC.

- Dyer County – Jim Stark
 - Here to learn about the TTA
 - Grant Application to create a canoe put-in and take-out area at Riverfront Park.
 - Built 1.2 miles of trail to help with development of Riverfront Park in Dyersburg
 - Will meet on 4th Thursday of each month.
 - Plan to paddle in July and August.
- East Tennessee – Rosemary Marshall
 - 26 hikes planned a year.
 - Been heavily involved in the planning of the annual meeting.
- Highland Rim - Tom Bentley
 - 23 of the 35 members are present at the annual meeting.
 - Meetings start with meal followed by a general meeting with a speaker.
 - Wide variety of hikes: Eat-Hike-Eat
 - Summer months: float trips.
 - Full moon kayak trip.
 - Best hike: Cold rain with 45 people in attendance.
 - Working with Friends of Short Springs.
 - Working on a land swap between South Cumberland and Short Springs.
- Jackson - Candy Higgs
 - Hiked in Kentucky, Arkansas, Alabama, and Mississippi
 - Summer months – water activities
- Memphis – Francis Ruffin
 - 20 hikes completed this year: Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi
 - Shelby Forest hikes – so get intercity participation
 - Get new hikers for these local hikes.
 - Make sure that the new hikers get a lot of attention.
 - Chili dinners to provide social activity.
 - Summer picnic.
 - Program each month
 - December – Christmas Party
 - 2010 – Memphis and Jackson Chapters will host the TTA annual convention.
- Murfreesboro – Millette Jones
 - Programs at the meetings.
 - Schedule 50 – 60 events over the course of the year, including backpack trips.
 - Do some trail building. Hope to do more trail building in the next year.
 - Approximately 20 members in attendance at the annual meeting.
 - Have between 70 – 80 chapter members.
 - Membership recruitment:
 - Use TTA newsletter and local hikes to make a flyer to pass around.
 - September – two hikes per month for new members
 - Criteria: Less than five miles within one hour drive of Murfreesboro.

- Nashville – Libby Francis
 - Booth at Earth Day.
 - Wrapped presents at REI at holiday time as a fund raiser
 - Garnett Rush and Diane Manas – volunteers
 - Attendance at meetings has increased since moved meeting location to REI
 - Meet on 4th Tuesday of the month.
- Plateau – Jan Barber
 - Approximately 50 members
 - Hike two times per month
 - Trail work during March Breakaway
 - Trail work planned with Tony Hook on November 14.
 - Weekly hikes on Wed
- Soddy Daisy – Brandy Selman
 - chatttowntngirrl@gmail.com
 - Just had one year anniversary at Lula lake Land Trust on top of Lookout Mountain
 - Hike every Wednesday or Saturday.
 - Booths at outdoor events.
 - Adding 1 – 2 members per month.
 - Approximately 30 members
 - Six members at the annual meeting.
- Upper Cumberland – Louise Miniard
 - tntrails@gmail.com
 - Hike every Saturday.
 - Eight members in attendance at the annual meeting.
 - Richard Savage is the hike coordinator.
- Sumner Trails – Anne Wesley.
 - Sumner County is due north of Nashville.
 - Libby Francis kept the idea alive.
 - Al Ballenger – got Presbyterian Church as a meeting place.
 - Have had meetings with speakers: AT, Africa trip by Libby Francis, Randy Hedgpath.
 - Hikes every month.
 - Two biggest challenges: leadership development and hike leaders.
 - Connecting Sumner County with other TTA members state-wide.
 - Have approximately 20 members.

IV. Officer Elections

President: Don Dresser
 Vice- President: Millette Jones
 Secretary: Carolyn Miller
 Treasurer: Janice Agee
 Membership: Ron Dunn
 East Tennessee Rep: Joe Matlock
 Middle Tennessee Rep: Nora Beck
 West Tennessee Rep: Graydon Swisher

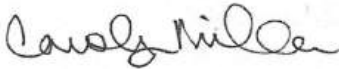
Motion to accept slate of officers. Motion seconded and passed.

V. Annual Awards

- Tennessee Trails Award – Presented to Chuck Robinson, Owner REI in Nashville.
Accepted by Sue Leffert. Rosemary Marshall made the presentation.
- Bill Stutz Award – presented to Rosemary Marshall by Libby Francis.
- Golden Squirrel Award – Presented to Cindy Johnson by MaryJane Ware.

Motion to adjourn at 6:46 PM. Motion seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Miller
TTA Secretary