

**Tennessee Trails Association  
Third Quarter Board of Directors Meeting  
REI, Brentwood, TN  
August 6, 2011**

Attendees: Don Dresser, Cheryl Heckler, Levonn Hubbard, Bob Richards, Marvin Caine, Rosemary Marshall, Millette Jones, Paul Schwab, Margaret Smith, Tony Jones, Barbie More, Carolyn Miller, David Primeau, Shirley Primeau, Louise Miniard, Ron Dunn, Anne Wesley, Libby Francis, Fount Bertram, Anna Bertram.

Meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM by President, Don Dresser.

Introductions were made.

Secretary's Report – Carolyn Miller

- The minutes of second quarter meeting were distributed prior to the third quarter meeting.
- A motion was made to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion was seconded and motion carried.

Membership Report – Ron Dunn

- 554 members; down 13% from last year this time.
- Individuals: down 12% from last year this time.
- Chapter chairs need to follow up with members that have not renewed.

Treasurer's Report – Don Dresser, Acting Treasurer

- Second quarter results for TTA and CTC were distributed prior to the meeting.
  - Balance sheet and cash flow documents were reviewed.
- Audit of TTA – copies of the audit were distributed for review by those in attendance.
  - Reviewed recommendations from the auditor.
- Sales tax obligation
  - Tennessee charges tax on goods and services that are sold.
  - Tax included basis – if sell and not collect tax separately
  - Allow for two 30-day sale periods per year that can sell items without having to collect sales tax or keep track of sales during that period.
  - September 2010: TTA Board set the two sales events for mid-October through mid-November. Second mid-November through mid-December.
  - CTC – received Cumberland Odyssey books August 27, 2010. Originally ordered 5,000 books. Still have about 2/3 of these to sell.
  - Books have been distributed as follows:
    - 5 wholesale transactions.
    - Many individual sales.
    - Gifts as membership premium.
    - 2010: sold approximately \$10,000 worth of books.
    - 2011: do not have a current account of the number of books sold.
- 2010 Annual Meeting – TTA sold approximately \$10,000 worth of merchandise.
- Estimated tax owed to State: \$2000, plus 5% per month penalty, plus interest.

- We probably owe the state around \$5,000 in taxes.
  - Options: pay entire amount, negotiate for lesser amount or asked to be forgiven for the same amount.
- For the future, have a request from some members of TTA to get a tax number to allow for sales through out the year.
- **MOTION** by Levonn Hubbard: The treasurer is directed by the TTA Board to meet with Tennessee Department of Revenue to discuss the sales tax obligations to the State of Tennessee and seek a resolution. Second by Libby Francis. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Reports by Regional Representatives

- East Tennessee Representative – Levonn Hubbard
  - August 13: Garrison weekend at Fort Loudon: Plateau Chapter is having a co-chapter hike with the Cove Lake Chapter.
  - Organized a joint hike with Big South Fork former members Tom and Benita Howell. Trying to get the chapter re-organized.
  - Plateau chapter is trying to coordinate hiking with the Soddy Daisy chapter.

#### Reports by Chapter Chairs

- Upper Cumberland – Louise Miniard
  - 3 members: 5 days backpacking in Juneau, Alaska
  - Cindy Johnson – new hike coordinator.
  - Activities: kayak, etc.
  - Planning hikes for the next 6 months.
  - Heat has limited the number of hikes this summer.
  - Richard Savage – retired and planning an eight week hike to Australia.
- Memphis – Margaret Smith
  - Do not hike in summer due to heat.
  - Will need to find a new meeting location as the library has reduced its hours.
  - Want to focus on social aspect of meetings.
  - Project: received a grant to build a bridge on the Woodland trail at Meeman-Shelby.
    - Pivot bridge – light weight and should swing into the water, and not be washed down the creek.
- Sumner – Shirley Primeau
  - Membership growing.
  - Local paper advertising the hiking group.
  - Continuing to meet through the summer with some social activities.
  - Pool party, white water rafting.
  - Does someone have a data base of possible speakers?
  - Need help setting up a blog.
- Clarksville – Paul Schwab
  - Seven Saturday hikes since the last board meeting.
  - This weekend – overnight trip to Virgin Falls.
  - Two monthly meetings.
  - National Trails Day – trail maintenance at Rotary Park.
  - June - Annual picnic at Dunbar Cave Natural Area.
  - Assisted Friends of Dunbar Cave with the annual Cooling at the Cave Event.
    - Reminiscent of what people in Clarksville use to do on summer weekends before air-conditioning.

- Music, board games, desserts and lemonade.
- Plateau – Cheryl Heckler
  - Continue to hike through the summer.
  - Prentice Cooper, Pickett, Cloudland Canyon, Buggy Top
  - One white water rafting trip.
  - National Trails Day – Hike on Black Mountain.
  - Trail maintenance the week before National Trails Day.
  - Chapter meeting on August 11 – A Year with the Birds. Danny Shelton.
  - For one chapter meeting had author Stephen Lyn Bales speak about his book: Ghost Birds: Jim Tanner and the Quest for the Ivory Bill Woodpecker.
  - Try to give \$20 gas support to speakers. The money is raised by passing the hat.
  - John Wiggington– hiking the Appalachian trail as a fundraiser for the House of Hope.
  - Trip to see the glow worms at Pickett State Park in Hazard Cave.
  - Local newspaper – monthly article about TTA hikes.
    - Good for recruiting new members.
- Highland Rim – Barbie More
  - Meet monthly.
  - Hike or float every weekend.
    - Hosted float trips on the Duck and Elk Rivers.
  - Appalachian Trail – 2 presentations.
  - Members have given presentations about their overseas travel: one to Australia.
  - Two significant donations to the live auction: Lodging offers.
  - Trail maintenance on 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month.
    - Short Springs – some problems with car break-ins at parking lot.
- Nashville – Libby Francis.
  - Hard to find hike leaders during the summer.
  - Video at the last meeting – “Hiking in the South Cumberland.”
    - Three people in attendance saw the information about the presentation on the list server.
  - Picnic in May.
  - The display at REI stayed up on the bulletin board for 3 months.
  - Garnett Rush is moving to Maryville.
- East Tennessee – Rosemary Marshall
  - Two hikes a month planned.
  - Fun-yakking trip on the Hiwassee River.
  - Annual after-work hike planned for August.
  - September – 17-mile bike trip on the Virginia Creeper. All are welcome to join. Date to be announced.
  - Collecting items for the annual meeting.
- Columbia/Franklin – Marvin Caine.
  - Fewer hikes in the summer.
  - June Monthly meeting – planned activities for rest of year.
  - Starting in September – plan for 2 hikes per month.
  - Presentations at chapter meetings.
    - July – Bob Goodwin: trip to Western US and hikes.
    - August – Dwight Barnett: area forester  
Green Cities for Great Jobs.  
Will speak at the annual meeting.

- Canoe Trip on the Duck River.
  - Hike to Stones River Battlefield Park.
- Murfreesboro – Tony Jones
  - Annual Meeting organizational meetings are on-going.
  - Don't hike in the summer.
  - Kayak trips with Highland chapter.
  - Great programs.
    - Bob Goodwin.
    - Tom Bentley – sailboat trip with 32 boy scouts.
- Jackson – Don Dresser
  - Weekly evening hikes to avoid the heat.
  - Annual canoe trip.

Reports by Associate Organizations

- Rails to Trails – Bob Richards.
  - National Trails Day.
    - 42 registered events in Tennessee – record number.
    - Participation by state parks and Friends of Tennessee State Parks.
    - Governor made a proclamation designated National Trails Day as Tennessee Trails Day.
    - CTC had an event.
  - Rails to Trails
    - Rail banked right-of-way: Athens to Englewood (6.5 miles)
      - McMinn County has received an RTP grant to acquire this property.
    - RTP funding may be affected by the Federal budget issues.
      - If feel strongly about RTP funding, consider contacting your representatives.
      - CTC is at the end of one RTP grant.
      - 4 dollar RTP requires 1 dollar match.
      - The match can be in volunteer hours.
- **MOTION** to change the authorized individuals on CTC's Fidelity account.
  - One page resolution from Fidelity (Form B.601-SIGFORM-1009)
    - Motion to by Levonn Hubbard.
    - Second by Margaret Smith.
    - Motion carried.
- Discussion of ideas to sell or give away copies of *Cumberland Odyssey*
  - Some donations have been made to libraries in the Eastern part of the State.
  - Seeking ideas from board members.
  - Sporting good and outdoor stores.
  - Bell Buckle crafts fair.

Annual Meeting – Millette Jones

- Update on preparation
  - Auction materials were sent by e-mail.
  - Hard copies of materials were distributed at the meeting.
  - September newsletter: will be taking pre-orders for T-shirts.
  - Need auction items to be sent in.
  - Millette is listing the auction items on the Murfreesboro blog.
    - Nice clothing is allowed.
  - Tony Jones has an electronic version of the TTA letterhead.

- Nominations for awards
  - Nominating Committee is made up of Past Presidents: Rosemary Marshall, Libby Francis, Anne Wesley, Fount Bertram.
  - A list of nominees will be e-mailed to the board for consideration.
- Nominations for officers
  - The committee is seeking a candidate for the position of Vice-President.

Looking Forward – Don Dresser

- Communication / Internet ideas
  - Forming a committee: need input and volunteers to serve on the committee.
    - Tony Jones will be on the committee.
- Ideas for expanding membership – Not discussed.

President's Report

- Gift from estate of Fran Wallas – Truck donated to Cumberland Trail Conference.
- Speakers at chapter meetings – Sumner Trails Chapter
  - Sue Lefferts, Nashville chapter member and REI employee, made a presentation at the Chapter meeting.
  - Sumner Trails sent a copy to REI to acknowledge her work.
  - This can be a real benefit to a person who works for a company.
- RTP Grant Workshop August 24, 2011
- Allardt Pumpkin Festival Oct. 1, 2011
  - Friday: Adventure trip to Muddy Pond.
  - Camping and lodging at Pickett State park.
  - TTA will be walking in the parade.
  - Hike at Colditz Cove.
  - Multi-chapter event.
- National Public Lands Day – September 24, 2011
  - Great website.

Other Business

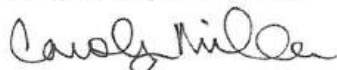
- Evan Means Grant work day at Edgar Evins State park on September 10.
  - Contact Anna Bertram.

Dates for Future TTA Meetings

- October 28-30, 2011 annual meeting (board meeting will be 9:00 am Sunday morning)
- Plan to keep board meetings on the first Saturday of February, May, August and then at the annual meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:04

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Miller  
TTA Secretary