

**Tennessee Trails Association
First Quarter Board Meeting
REI, Nashville, TN
February 4, 2012**

Attendees: Charlie Bright, Don Dresser, Millette Jones, Carolyn Miller, David and Shirley Primeau, Sara Pollard, Levonn Hubbard, Ron Dunn, Graydon Swisher, John Redmon, Marvin Caine, Patricia Bolton, Ann Jacobs, Libby Francis, JR Tate, NanceJo Ogozalek, Louise Miniard, Earl Helmer, Cheryl Heckler, Bob Richards, Nora Beck, Anne Wesley, Linda Hudson (Highland), Kathy Sarvis, (Cove Lake), Jim Poteet, Valerie Galan

Meeting was called to order by President, Millette Jones at 1:00 PM.

Welcome and Introductions were made.

Secretary's Report – Carolyn Miller (filling in for Diane Manas)

Annual Corporation Report.

Required information to send to the Secretary of State.

Need information from each officer chapter and chapter chair. A physical address is needed to file the annual corporation report.

Minutes of October 2011 meeting. Motion to accept as distributed. Motion seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Membership Report – Ron Dunn

Total of 539 members: 330 Individual, 121 Family, 31 Supporting, 2 Student, 51 Life Members, 4 Family Life Members.

Down from a high of 605 last year.

E-mail version of newsletter has increased to 119.

Membership renewal: Ron sends a renewal e-mail two months prior to expiration of their membership.

Chapter chairs need to follow up with those members who do not renew their membership.

ACTION: Millette will request ideas for membership development.

Treasurer's Report – Don Dresser

- Revised financial reports were distributed and discussed.

Question from floor about the cost of the audit.

Annual cost. Auditor is based in Knoxville.

- Budget for 2012

Net Worth approximately \$50,000.

2011 Net Worth increased by approximately \$10,000. These are primarily monies received from the 2011 TTA annual meeting.

- Form for chapters to report taxes collected – was distributed last week by e-mail.
 - Sales tax needs to be collected for all sales after mid-November 2011.
 - Now have a sales tax account set up with the State of Tennessee.
 - Now that the sales tax issue has been resolved we can resume selling merchandise on line.
 - Procedure for reporting sales tax:
 - Chapter has an event.
 - Collect sales tax on the sales.
 - Report the sales on the sheet provided and send report to the TTA treasurer.
 - Two methods to determine tax owed:
 1. Tax added to purchase price by county as if a store.
 - Simplest is just to add tax to the selling price.
 2. Sell as “tax” included.
 - There are a few items that are exempt from sales tax, such as used clothing.

CTC Report – Millette Jones (filling in for Diane Manas)

Documents distributed.

1. CTC events distributed by e-mail and discussed.
 - Spring Break program.
2. Delegation of Authority to CTC by TTA.
 - CTC is requesting the authority to conduct business regarding the following activities. (written procedure for delegation of authority to CTC was distributed)
 - Question: would the ability to purchase land give CTC the authority to borrow money for this purpose?
 - Discussion:
 - CTC Board meeting on January 28 – financial “report” was shown on an overhead. There was no written financial report distributed.
 - Diane Manas, CTC representative, requested that the CTC provide financial reports to the TTA to be presented at the TTA 1st quarter Board meeting. To date, this has not been done.
 - Have not received detailed financial information from CTC since July 2011.
 - CTC has four high priority funding grants (HPP Grants) available.
 - Each grant worth \$200,000.
 - They are 80/20 grants.
 - CTC will need to make the 20% match.
 - CTC has applied for two of these grants.
 - Form 990 must be sent annually to the Secretary of State. The auditor will complete the Form 990 in April 2012 for the 2011 fiscal year.

Question: If we grant authority, do we also have the ability to withdraw this authority? Yes.

Motion: That TTA delegate to the Board of Directors of CTC, effective from this date through the first regularly scheduled meeting of the TTA Board of Directors in 2013, the authority to conduct business as an associate organization of TTA, including the power and authority to enter contracts in furtherance of its mission, including contracts with governmental entities, to open and maintain bank account and other financial accounts, to purchase land, to make decisions regarding hiring and retention of personnel and to settle claims up to a maximum of \$5000 without further approval of TTA.

Motion by Don Dresser to accept proposal as distributed with delegation to be through the first regularly scheduled meeting of the TTA Board of Directors in 2013.

Second by Libby Francis. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports by Regional Representatives

- West Tennessee – Graydon Swisher.
 - Working with Dyer County to help them continue hiking.
 - Northwest Chapter – expect membership to increase when college resumes in the fall.
 - Munford, Savannah, Dresden – in contact with hikers in these towns.
 - Cumberland Trail is not of much interest to those in western part of state.
 - Mississippi River Corridor/Trail
 - Chickasaw Bluff Trail was designated as a State Scenic Trail at the same time as CT was originally designated.
- Middle Tennessee - Nora Beck
 - Wants to establish more of a presence in the Lawrenceburg/Lewisburg area.
- East Tennessee – Levonn Hubbard
 - East Tennessee chapters are hiking together.
 - Plateau joined Cove Lake
 - Scheduling hikes to enable people to earn the 50-mile CTC hiker award.

Reports by Chapter Chairs

- **Clarksville Chapter – JR Tate**
 - Membership is down.
 - Austin Peay University Wellness day – February 29.
 - April 19 & 20: Rivers and Spires event in Clarksville. Good exposure.
 - Hiking regularly.
- **Upper Cumberland – Louise Miniard**
 - Lots of visitor hikers, but not too many joining TTA.

- Hike every Saturday.
- Hiking today.
- **Memphis – Charlie Bright**
 - Led a hike to Shiloh National Battlefield during 2010 annual meeting. Since that time, led another hike to Shiloh.
 - Used an on-line registration program to limit the attendance to 25.
 - Thinks on-line registration will encourage more young people to sign up for hikes.
 - Intercity meeting – TTA has been asked to have a booth.
 - Will have John Martin make hiking sticks for door prizes.
 - Will lead hike around downtown Memphis after the event.
- **Nashville – Libby Francis**
 - Lots of members, so need a phone tree and numerous people to help encourage renewals and new members.
 - April 7 – Bells Bend
 - Outdoor Vendors Meeting
 - TTA – Libby already has a 10 X 12 pop up shelter for the event.
 - Other chapters are welcome to join.
 - Other groups that will be at the event: Meet Up Groups, REI.
- **Highland Rim – Linda Hudson**
 - Meeting, hiking and eating.
 - Saturday hike at Sewanee.
 - Hike every weekend.
- **Jackson – Don Dresser reporting**
 - Gained some new members from newspaper articles.
 - Cross-country walks (bushwhacking) – off trail along the Tennessee River north of Mousetail Landing State Park.
- **Plateau – Cheryl Heckler and Levonn Hubbard**
 - Membership is increasing.
 - November – 48. December – 53.
 - Uses Ron Dunn's e-mail to contact members whose membership is expiring/expired.
 - Contacts new members to keep them engaged.
 - Recruited other chapter members to take over some of the chapter duties.
 - Instead of trail maintenance at Cumberland Mountain State Park; park is happy to have the chapter hike all the trails in the park and report maintenance needs.
 - Programs:
 - John Wiggington - 2011 through hike on Appalachian Trail
 - Mark Richie – CTC trail work
 - Support for CTC:
 - Collecting plastic grocery bags for lunch sacks to use during breakaway.
 - Collecting peanut butter for breakaway.
 - One fundraiser per year – chapter calendars.
 - Sold 46 calendars with a profit of \$146.
 - Scheduling multi-chapter hikes in East Tennessee.

- Booth at County Fair – exposure for TTA and CTC.
- **Columbia/Franklin – Marvin Caine**
 - Second year as chapter chair.
 - Planned for two hikes per month.
 - November – survival training. Built a shelter and cooked meals.
 - December meeting – planned hikes for next 6 months.
 - Still House Hollow – still working. Tree destroyed part of trail. Another work day planned for February 18.
 - Memberships is down, but have had some guest hikers.
- **Soddy Daisy – Bob McGavock**
 - Had a division within the chapter last year. Small core group of hikers remains.
 - Went to a local walking track with a booth to attract members.
 - Meeting quarterly.
 - Advertise in the newspaper.
 - Plan to work with CTC during Alternative Spring Break at Graysville Mountain (located between Soddy Daisy and Dayton.)
- **Sumner Trails - David Primeau**
 - Membership increased, partly due to merging with a group of hikers associated with a local Presbyterian church.
 - Also changed meeting location to a larger room.
 - Monthly speakers – sometimes more attendees at meetings than on the hikes.
 - Want to get new members involved in leading hikes.
 - Suggestion: having a co-leader is a good way to “train” new hike leaders.
- **Cove Lake Hiking Chapter- Harry Shatz**
 - Hiking with other East Tennessee chapters.
 - Joined East Tennessee to Ijams
 - Joined Plateau at Fort Loudon.
 - Hikers – 16 active; only 5 are TTA members.
 - Use e-mail to communicate hike info, including pictures of the hike before and new pictures after the hike.
 - Trip to see Sand Cranes at Hiwassee last week.
- **Murfreesboro – Sara Pollard/ Valerie Galan**
 - Need to work on membership.
 - Submitting articles to the local newspaper.
 - Want to schedule one backpack a month.
 - Trail maintenance – once per quarter.
 - NTD – Trail maintenance at Barfield Crescent Park.
 - Valerie Galan – Programs. Passes out old newsletters to generate interest.
 - Membership chairman – name tags for meeting and greets attendees at meetings.
 - Hike coordinator – Sally Bingham.
 - Plan to participate in CTC Spring Break program week of March 5.
 - Pass out and distribute TTA brochures.

- Tony Jones – led a hike to Stones River. Had several guest hikers.

Reports by Associate Organizations

- Rails to Trails – Bob Richards
 - Funding for Rails to Trails is being reviewed by Congress.
Every 6 years renew funding. It is currently in committee, so does not have a bill number at this time.
 - Websites to access to follow up on this funding.
Rails to Trails Conservancy
American Trails
 - Affects following programs.
 - Recreational Trails
 - Safe Routes to Schools – Not funded
 - Transportation Enhancements
 - Current Rail/Trail projects.
 - Johnson City into Elizabethton.
Have hired a company to create a master plan.
Will be totally non-motorized.
Currently pulling up the rails and ties.
 - Rail banked land – McMinn County.
 - Money has been allocated.
 - Downtown Athens to Inglewood.
 - Shelby County – 6.5 miles of Rail/Trail.
 - Paved in October 2011.
 - Receiving a lot of usage.
 - Soddy Daisy Rail to Trail Project. (6 miles of railway right-of-way)
Soddy Daisy will proceed with three miles in the city of Soddy Daisy.
 - Cookeville to Monterey (Rail with Trail).
Developing a trail head in Monterey.
Cookeville – forming a rail authority.
Working with an active rail line.
 - Mountain Goat Trail – Monteagle.
Two miles are paved within the University of the South.

Annual Meeting Report – JR Tate

- October 26 – 28, 2012 Brandon Springs Group Camp at Land Between the Lakes (LBL). LBL is managed by the Forest Service.
- Currently in the planning stage.
Friday Evening Entertainment – Wells Family Blue Grass Band

New Business

1. Election of Treasurer

Brenda Clampit was elected TTA treasurer in October 2011.
She subsequently resigned.

Ann Jacobs, Murfreesboro chapter member, nominated as Treasurer with term to begin immediately.

Motion to elect Ann Jacobs as the TTA Treasurer by Levonn Hubbard.
Second by Nora Beck. Motion carried unanimously.

2. 2012 Evan Means + Other Grants – Bob Richards

Written summary of grant requests was distributed.

Each grant was discussed.

Only received 4 applications for 2012.

1. Friends of Beaman Park. \$1200
 - a. 12 X 16 trailhead shelter.
 - b. Motion: Levonn Hubbard moved **to not fund**.
 - i. Second by John Redmon.
 - ii. Motion passed with 2 against.
2. WATER - \$740
 - a. Building a trail along the Tellico Reservoir
 - b. Motion by Don Dresser to accept grant and stipulate that they use wood signs.
 - c. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
3. Harmony Adoptions - \$600
 - a. Motion by Libby Francis to donate \$600 for trail tools purchase only.
 - b. Second by Charlie Bright.
 - c. Motion passed.
4. Booker T Washington State Park \$455.80
 - a. Levonn moved **to not fund**.
 - b. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Recommendation: Advertise to TTA chapters that Evan Means Grant money is still available.

Evan Means 2011 Grants:

Reviewed the written reports that have been submitted from the 2011 funded projects.

2011 Evan Means – Tennessee Parks and Greenways -Indian Springs Project

Graydon Swisher read a written report and requested that the funding be extended as the project has not been completed.

Motion to extend the funding by Levonn Hubbard. Seconded and motion passed.

3. Fran Wallas Hike Patch – Nora Beck

Sketches of three patch designs were distributed.

A patch would be awarded to individuals that complete all 36 hikes.
David Owenby – Public Information Officer for TDEC. Willing to help advertise the patch for those who hike all these trails.

Motion by Libby Francis that TTA pursue a Fran Wallas patch. Motion was seconded and passed.

Discussion of additions and changes to designs:
Add the number 36: Fran Wallas 36 Great Hikes
Use TTA Green and Yellow for the patch
Patch should be round or oval.

Motion by Nora Beck to investigate a patch with the above specifications, Nora to obtain production costs and provide details. Second by Libby Francis. Motion passed.

Motion: TTA to contact TDEC to agree to have TDEC advertise and promote the patch. Motion by Libby Francis. Second by Levonn Hubbard. Motion passed.

4. Hike Scheduling (online) – Charlie Bright
Each chapter could type in their own hike information.
Allows for guests to register and then have their contact info available.
Long term vision:
 - Get membership database online.
 - Renew membership online.Discussion:
 - Currently can update the TTA online calendar with the existing software and website.
 - Jim Poteet can show chapter representatives how to do this.
 - If you want to enter your own chapter info, please send Jim Poteet an e-mail requesting this ability.
5. Disposition of Annual Meeting proceeds
 - For 2011: \$8000 was raised: \$6025 to TTA and \$2000 to the individual chapters.
 - In February 2011, the TTA Board voted to donate the proceeds of the annual meeting auction to CTC for the Spring Breakaway program.
 - Discussion: Should we spend some of the fundraising money to promote membership in TTA?
 - TTA membership has decreased by 10% since last February.
 - Money allocated to individual chapters for NTD activities.
 - Brochure printing and distribution.
 - Advertise TTA by posting flyers at local state parks.
 - Facebook page for TTA.

Clarification: 2011 auction proceeds will go to CTC as per the motion passed during the February 2011 board meeting.
No determination has been made as how to allocate the additional funds raised during the 2011 annual meeting.
6. Request from Jim Poteet – he has been webmaster for 15 years. Requesting that TTA pursue a replacement.

7. Fundraising Activity – Valerie Galan
Kroger Gift Cards: If spend \$5000 using a Kroger Gift Card, then \$200 would go to the organization. Valerie will gather data and present information at another board meeting.
8. National Trails Day (NTD) – Bob Richards.
 - NTD 2011 – 42 events in Tennessee. This is the highest number of NTD events ever registered in Tennessee.
 - NTD website has a final report of the 2011 event.
 - First Saturday of June.
Asking each chapter to schedule an event and register the event through the NTD website.
Suggestion from the floor that the regional representatives assist their chapters with events.
9. Tennessee State Parks system is 75 years old in 2012 – Bob Richards
Promoting use of state parks.
Several parks hosted hikes on New Years Day.
Events listed on TDEC website.
10. Tennessee Recreation Trails Manual – 4th edition – Bob Richards
Bob has these available.
Info on how to build a trail.
E-mail Bob to request one.
11. State Funding for Local Parks, Land Acquisition, Wetlands, Agricultural Practices – Bob Richards
Forever Green Funding - \$16 Million funded in 2011
If you are concerned, contact your elected representatives.

Proposed dates for future TTA meetings

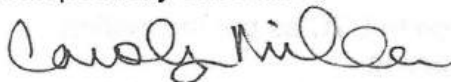
May 5, 2012

August 4, 2012

Annual Meeting: October 26 – 28, 2012 LBL

Motion to adjourn at 4:50 PM. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Miller
Acting Secretary for February 2012 meeting

Members by Chapter, Class

Chapter	Total	Individual	Family	Supporting	Student	Life	Family Life	Honorary	VIP
Big South Fork	2			1		1			
Clarksville	44	30	12	1		1			
Columbia, Franklin	34	26	7		1				
Cove Lake	7	3	2	1		1			
Dyersburg	1	1							
East Tennessee	35	22	4	4		5			
Highland Rim	42	17	20	1		4			
Jackson	20	10	6	4					
Memphis	63	35	16	6		5	1		
Murfreesboro	60	40	8	7	1	3	1		
Nashville	110	66	15	7		21	1		
Northwest	4	3	1						
Plateau	60	35	19	2		3	1		
Soddy Daisy	18	10	6		1	1			
Sumner Trails	37	28	8			1			
Un-affiliated	8	6	1			1			
Un-affiliated, East	7	2	1	2		1	1		
Un-affiliated, Middle	3	3							
Upper Cumberland	28	16	8	1		3			
Grand Total	583	353	134	37	3	51	5		

Cash Flow 2/6/2012 through 3/31/2012

Category	2/6/2012- 3/31/2012
INFLOWS	
Uncategorized	0.52
Annual Meeting Revenue	2,090.19
CTC Membership Revenue	140.00
Life Membership	0.00
Membership Dues	4,583.74
Merchandise Sales	0.00
Support	195.00
Web Income	123.46
TOTAL INFLOWS	7,132.91
OUTFLOWS	
Chapter Allocation	1,362.00
Contribution For Spring Break Away	3,558.00
Evan Means Grants	1,340.00
Filing Fee	22.25
Postage Supplies	170.80
Printing and Reproduction	1,068.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	7,521.05
OVERALL TOTAL	-388.14

TTA Net Worth - As of 3/31/2012

As of 3/31/2012

Account	3/31/2012 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Regions - Jackson	18,188.94
REGIONS COMMERCIAL MONEY MARKE...	11,182.09
SMALL BUSINESS CD XX3362	9,012.78
SMALL BUSINESS CD XX3612	10,263.62
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	48,647.43
Investments	
Brokerage	1,061.27
TOTAL Investments	1,061.27
TOTAL ASSETS	49,708.70
LIABILITIES	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	49,708.70

Chapter Reports

Nashville- Libby Francis

Due to a prior commitment Libby will be unable to attend the May board meeting. Doug Burroughs has agreed to be the new chair and will take over the position effective July 1. The Nashville Chapter had a booth at the Outdoor Vendors Day at Bells Bend Park and a booth at Earth Day at Centennial Park, both were well attended.

Clarksville- JR Tate

- We have gained three new memberships since the last quarterly meeting.
- We continue to hike each Saturday and attendance has been good. Six of our members (myself included) hiked 75 miles on the Appalachian Trail the week of 14-22 April from Erwin, TN, to Hampton, TN. Spectacular country over Roan Mountain and Big and Little Hump Mountains.
- Additionally, we participated in Clarksville's Rivers and Spires Festival 20-21 April and had excellent coverage and lots of interest.
- We continue to work closely with our county Parks and Recreation to assist in trail maintenance and other improvements in our local Rotary Park.

Memphis- Charlie Bright

- Weekly hikes: 18 hikes
- Hikers on the trail: average 17 hikers per hike
- Potluck: 2 separate events - TTA members served chili and soup at their homes for after the hike lunch. The hikers brought salad, desserts, and drinks.
- Joint hikes with Jackson Chapter: 2
- Trail Maintenance – Meeman-Shelby Forest: three events
- 2012 Green Up Festival Table Display: April 28 – festival celebrating things citizens can do to make Memphis more eco-friendly and a more attractive place to live.
- Annual Picnic - Francis Ruffin is organizing the annual picnic

Chapter membership increase: 7 new members this quarter; 63 total memberships

Sumner Trails- David and Shirley Primeau

- ☐ Our chapter membership remains stable, with non-renewals being generally members who were not active in attendance at meetings or hiking events. Chapter info on the City of Hendersonville Web site and in the local free newspaper are main sources of new members.
- ☐ We have had chapter meeting programs on "Air Quality 101" by the Clean Air Partnership of Middle Tennessee, "Exercises for Hikers" by the Sumner County YMCA, and "A Walking Holiday in Great Britain" by Chapter member Anne Wesley.
- ☐ In lieu of a chapter meeting in April, we met for "Tuesday Trivia" at a local restaurant. This is always a popular social event for the chapter, as we divide into teams to play trivia with other customers at the restaurant.
- ☐ We have 2-3 hiking events each month, of various lengths and intensity. A local historian guided us through the Nashville City Cemetery in February. It has been our experience that these "history hikes" attract some chapter members who do not usually participate in the more traditional hiking activities.
- ☐ We are planning a hike of the Hendersonville Greenway/Drakes Creek Trail for National Trails Day, with the goal to have participation by some city leaders and members of the community in the hike.

Murfreesboro- Sara Pollard

Our chapter has participated in several outings in the past few months. We hiked Mossy Ridge, Montgomery Bell State Park and had two joint hikes with the Columbia/Franklin chapter and one with Highland Rim. Several members attended the Edgar Evins State Park Waterfall Tour and the Celebration of Spring event. We had our annual Wildflower Walk and Potluck at the Bowling Farm in Monterey and participated in two Earth Day activities.

Our hike planning meeting is next month and we want to plan more family hikes and other activities. Our annual picnic is in June at Barfield Crescent Park and we plan to do trail maintenance there on National Trails Day.

As chapter chair I've been sending out weekly emails highlighting our upcoming hike and reminding individual members about renewing their TTA membership.

Soddy Daisy- Bob McGavock

- 1) Chapter has increased enrollment by 4 since beginning of 2012
- 2) Plans underway to co-host a National Trails Day(RegTM) event with North Chickamauga Creek Conservancy at Greenway City Park in Chattanooga on June 2nd.
- 3) Chapter members continue to distribute business cards and brochures to prospective members. Hikes are advertised in major newspaper a week prior to each hike.
- 4) an unsolicited newspaper article featured activities of our chapter, including interviews of some members.
- 5) Member participation with CTC trail construction along Roaring Creek in section near Graysville, Tn.

Columbia/Franklin- Marvin Caine

- * Scheduled 6 hikes for this quarter. One in February was cancelled due to cold and windy weather.
- * Two hikes were joint hikes with Murfreesboro Chapter led by Bob Goodwin, Monte Santo Park, Huntsville, AL and David Crockett State Park, Lawrenceburg, TN.
- * Three interesting presentations were given at Feb, March and April meetings. Rick Lausten gave a slide presentation on a camping and hiking trip to Yosemite National Park made by five of our members. Rita Venable spoke on 'Butterflies of Tennessee' and Bob Goodwin on a trip to New Mexico.
- * In conjunction with Allan Trently of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation volunteers from our chapter put in much needed steps along the trail at Stillhouse Hollow Falls State Natural Area. Thanks to all who helped especially Rick Pinkleton. Allan stated in an e-mail to me that "Of all my partners with the west/middle TN state natural area, your chapter of TTA is the most reliable and the best volunteers".

Jackson- Vicky Moeller

- Had two hikes per month in the Months of Feb, March and April
- Average 12 hikers per hike
- Monthly meeting on the first Monday of the Month
- We are planning our hiking schedule for the fall.

Plateau- Cheryl Heckler

- Our chapter membership has increased to 61.
- We have enjoyed some beautiful spring flowers and weather on our regular weekly Wednesday hikes and two Saturday hikes per month
- We continue to monitor the Cumberland Mt State Park trails
- Our chapter meeting programs have been: "Alaska" by Sharon & Gary Moore, "Building the Cumberland Trail" by Mark Richie, "Choosing the right poles, backpack & boots" by Plateau Outdoors, and "Critters that hike where you hike" by Don Hazel

- We scheduled a joint hike with Cove Lake Chapter in February.
- We are planning our National Trail's Day event "Hike the Trails at Cumberland Mt State Park"

Regional Reports

East Tennessee Regional- Levonn Hubbard

Doing some planning for a First Aid/Safety course for hikers. Otherwise, still working on hikers attaining the 50 miler award/patch, a patch for the 100 miler, chapters hiking together, spreading the word about hiking, and recruiting members for TTA and CTC.

March 20, 2012 was the first meeting of the TTA/CTC Committee. The members representing TTA are Anne Wesley, Millette Jones, Jim Poteet and Fount Bertram and the CTC members are Levonn Hubbard, Frank Jamison and Gary Grametbauer.

As many of you may remember at the TTA annual meeting in 2011 representatives from the CTC made a proposal requesting a formal separation from the TTA. TTA agreed to consider a formal CTC board generated proposal at our February board meeting. At the January CTC board meeting the CTC board was presented with a revised plan by board president Ray Garrett. This revised plan did not request a separation but a change in bylaws. Below is a copy of the changes the joint committee is presenting to the TTA board for discussion.

The first is the completed revision and second is the actual changes that were made, with red designating stricken words and yellow indicating additions.

10 Associate Organizations

Five or more members may form an Associate Organization of the Tennessee Trails Association upon approval of the Board of Directors. Each Associate Organization will be authorized to pursue a specific mission and will develop and maintain a statement describing its objectives and strategy for dealing with that mission. Each Associate Organization shall designate a person to serve on the Tennessee Trails Association Board of Directors. Each Associate Organization shall report periodically to the Board of Directors of Tennessee Trails Association concerning its activities. *An Associate Organization shall clearly and fully disclose its relationship to the Tennessee Trails Association in any promotional or informational material, regardless of media.*

An Associate Organization may have its own bylaws, which shall be subject to approval by Tennessee Trails Association. As specified in its bylaws, an Associate Organization may have its own members *and shall determine its own organizational and leadership structure.* All officers must be members of Tennessee Trails Association. The president of Tennessee Trails Association shall be an ex officio member of *any governing body.*

An Associate Organization may seek its own financial support to carry out its mission, *except that an Associate Organization may not borrow money.* An Associate Organization shall manage funds that it receives, submit periodic reports, and *participate in* outside audits in a manner *as directed* by the treasurer of Tennessee Trails Association.

The Board of Directors of Tennessee Trails Association may delegate additional authority to an Associate Organization, including the authority to make personnel decisions, to enter contracts, to open bank accounts, to settle claims, or any other authority *deemed prudent by the Board.* *The Board may also impose such conditions or limitations on any delegation as it deems to be prudent.*

The Board of Directors of Tennessee Trails Association may *dissolve* an Associate Organization *when its mission is completed, or for other causes.* In that event, all money and property in the possession of the Associate Organization shall be distributed in a manner *supportive of the original mission of the Associate Organization.*