

Tennessee Trails Association
3rd Quarter Board Meeting Minutes – REVIEW COPY
REI, Nashville
August 4, 2012

PRESENT: Millette Jones, Diane Manas, Ann Jacobs, Ron Dunn, Nora Beck, Don Dresser, J.R. Tate, Marvin Caine, Joan Hartvigsen, Vicky Moeller, Charlie Bright, Doug Burroughs, Don Taylor, Bob McGavock, David & Shirley Primeau.

ABSENT: Carolyn Miller, Levonn Hubbard, Graydon Swisher, Rosemary Marshall, John Redmon, Rita Norvell, Rosemary Marshall, Sara Pollard, Scott Pun, Cheryl Heckler, Louise Minnard. Bob Richards.

GUESTS PRESENT: Jim Poteet, Tim Townley.

Meeting was called to order by President, Millette Jones at 1:02pm.

Welcome and introductions were made.

The new format of emailing a "zipped" folder containing various reports for pre-reviewing has been a success for reviewing reports ahead of the meeting, and received favorable comments.

Secretary's Report – Diane Manas

Meeting minutes will be circulate within 2 weeks after a board meeting; and, again with the packet of materials circulated by the President prior to the next board meeting.

Motion by Ron Dunn to accept the 2nd Qtr meeting minutes as distributed. Seconded by Marvin Caine.

Membership Report – Ron Dunn

Introduction of Tim Townley to the meeting – Tim is interested in the Membership Director position; qualified and will do an excellent job. His name will be added to the slate of officers to be presented to members during the annual meeting in October.

Membership report circulated in pre-review/zip folder <attached>. Membership levels remain the same.

Discussion about defining "family" membership – family membership is treated as a 2-vote household, and that both members need to be present in order for the 2 votes to be counted.

We have lots of TTA window decals (removal/not permanent/reusable). It was proposed, and unanimously approved, to give one away to each new member.

Since there were a few people (and qualified) interested in the Membership Director position, it may be a good idea to contact them to ask if they would like to volunteer in other capacities, such as marketing.

Treasurer's Report – Ann Jacobs

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Treasurer's cash flow and net worth reports circulated in pre-review/zip folder <attached>. Everyone was in agreement with figures; no discussion to record.

Reports by Regional Reps

East TN – Levonn Hubbard

Representative was absent; however, a report was submitted and circulated as part of the pre-review/zip folder stating: Attended the Laurel Snow Dedication, Cummins Falls State Park Dedication and the American Hiking

Society's 20th National Trails Day Celebration at Cove Lake State Park representing TTA and CTC. Will be attending and helping with the SEFTC Biannual Conference at Fall Creek Falls State Park Sept.20-23, 2012. I have plans to hike with other TTA Chapters in East TN this fall.

Middle TN – Nora Beck

Has met a member living in the Livingston area, and will ask to see if this person is interested in helping to form a chapter (since several of Columbia/Franklin chapter members live in the area).

West TN – Graydon Swisher

Representative was absent; however, a report was submitted and circulated as part of the pre-review/zip folder stating: Not much activity to report from West Tenn. Dyer County needs to start over. Local interest has turned to the BLUEWAY instead of a Greenway. NW is out for the summer but they will be back in the fall. I have had to come out of retirement. Real job has become a real job. Working on finishing the Spring Bridge at Randolph.

Reports by Chapter Officers

Clarksville – reported by J.R. Tate, also present, via circulated pre-review/zip folder stating: In spite of the hot weather, we still manage to hike every Saturday. We did an overnight hike on June 30th, in spite of 103+ temps. This Saturday we are participating in Clarksville's Dunbar Cave's Cooling at the Cave. Attendance at monthly meetings has been good in spite of a hot summer, and we still manage to snag a new member now and then. A significant amount of our effort will be pointed toward preparing for the annual meeting in the coming weeks, but we will still meet our hike schedule. Other than that, we are pretty much "status quo" up here in the "Queen City."

Columbia/Franklin- reported by Marvin Caine, also present, via circulated pre-review/zip folder stating: Six hikes were again scheduled for this quarter. At our May meeting Jackie Kelly gave a presentation on her hike of the entire length of the Natchez Trace (444 miles). At our June meeting we planned hikes for the 2nd half of 2012 as well as a workday in November at Stillhouse Hollow Falls. Two hikes were planned for each month including the summer months. Hikes in July and August were designed to be over by noon to avoid the hottest part of the day. We cancelled the July meeting because of being near the 4th of July holiday. Interesting programs have been scheduled for the next three monthly meetings.

Highland Rim – reported by Joan Hartvigsen, also present, via circulated preview/zip folder stating: Our strategy to gain and maintain members is to offer interesting programs and hikes. Then I publicize the programs and outings in the local newspapers. During the summer we try to offer activities that combine hiking and swimming. Many of our outings are historical. We offer outings that range from easy to strenuous. We often recruit experts to accompany us on our outings. We have invited Tennessee State Park Rangers, Naturalists, Botanists and Historians to hike with us and present programs. We have coordinated a hiking and camping trip. January - Wheeler Wildlife Refuge, Sand Hill Cranes, Snowy Egrets and thousands of other waterfowl. Then Wheeler State Park to hike around Wheeler Lake (aka Tennessee River). Easy Joette Carter's off trail hikes on her land and Poteets' hikes to Horsepound Falls and Virgin Falls, Buggy Top and other challenging hikes. The Poteets' Chilly Chili Hike. "Invite a Friend to Hike" Hike at Short Springs State Natural Area. Members assisting with Trails & Trillium, South Cumberland State Park fund raiser. Civil War Hike with Dr. Michael Bradley. The Tullahoma Campaign. The very popular monthly eat -hike eat on The University of the South Domain. Camping at Elkmont and three days of hiking in The Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Paddling Tims Ford Lake from Anderton Branch to Ray Branch to reach a remote hiking trail, Evans Loop, in Tims Ford State Park. Also swimming in Tims Ford Lake off Ray Branch Peninsula. Randy Hedgepath, State Naturalist, hiked and swam with us Greeter Falls. Russell Cave National Monument and walk over pedestrian bridge on the Tennessee River. Wildflower hike led by Sewanee Botanist and hike around Grundy Lakes led by Ranger Knapp relating the history of Grundy Lakes and the Coke Ovens. The monthly paddles on the Duck and Elk Rivers during the summer. Moonlight paddle on Tims Ford Lake followed by overnight camping on Devils Step Island and early morning paddle to Maple Bend Island. Work Days at Short Springs State Natural Area. Memorial Day Lake Party. Christmas Party. Programs: Members' trips, National Geographic Photographer(Winter in Yellowstone, featuring wolves), Wilderness Survival by Ranger J. R. Tinch, Rails-to-Trails, Duck River Aquatics, Forestry, Randy Hedgepath on the 75th Anniversary of Tennessee State Parks, Ranger Robin Wooten on Tennessee Natural Areas. During NTD at Short Springs interacted with 4-6 prospective members.

Jackson - reported by Vicky Moeller, also present, via circulated pre-review/zip folder stating: The last hike before the summer heat was at the Greater Smoky Mountain National Park on Memorial Day Weekend. In July we had a canoe trip on the Buffalo River in TN. Planning the hikes for the fall.

Memphis- reported by Charlie Bright, also present, via circulated pre-review/zip folder stating: Soup & Sandwich Lunch after local hike at the Pierce's home. This is the 2nd eat after hike lunch this year and 20 or more hikers attend. TTA members provide soup or chili and hikers bring salad, dessert, etc. Table event April 18th at the 2012 Memphis Green Up Festival -- Charlie in charge. John Martin donated about fifty hiking poles to be given to non-hikers to encourage hiking. Annual picnic at Herb Parsons Lake May 19th. Good attendance and lots of fun! Full-Moon hike at Meeman-Shelby Forest on July 28, will be led by the park ranger, Samantha Cox. Memphis Chapter has had an increase this year of five members.

Murfreesboro- reported by Sara Pollard via circulated pre-review/zip folder stating: Our chapter offered hikes to Horsepound Falls, Soddy section of the Cumberland Trail, Cloudland Canyon State Park, Cedars of Lebanon State Park, Greeter Falls, and the Stone Door. Our Sunday afternoon hike at Cedars of Lebanon State was well attended. We want to encourage families who are busy on Saturdays with sports to come out and hike with us. National Trails Day -- We had twelve volunteers to help with maintenance on the 1 mile Valley View loop at Barfield Crescent Park. We cleared overgrowth and repainted the blue blazes. We had a good turnout of members and their guests at our annual picnic at Barfield Crescent Park. Only a few hikes were scheduled in the summer months because of the hot weather. We offered joint kayak/canoe floats with the Highland Rim chapter the third Saturday of June through August. We also had a commercial cave tour at Cumberland Caverns in McMinnville. Members from our chapter, Soddy Daisy and Highland Rim chapters enjoyed a camping trip in the Smoky Mountains and hiked three days. Member Tony Jones presented a slide presentation on his trip to the Shenandoah National Park, Blue Ridge Parkway and Thomas Jefferson's Monticello. A presentation by Jim and Marietta Poteet on their New Zealand trip is planned for August. Our chapter Blog has a new look and is being updated every week with hike reports and other announcements. Weekly emails are sent by the chapter chair to remind members of upcoming hikes.

Nashville- reported by Doug Burroughs, also present, via circulated pre-review/zip folder stating: Six hikes/trips completed during the quarter: Four day hikes, one car camp trip (Frozen Head), and one backpack trip (Smokies), with participation ranging from three to nine people. Several scheduled hikes were canceled due to weather, hike leader injury, or other reasons. The Nashville Chapter was represented at two events in Nashville during April: An outdoor vendor fair at Bells Bend Outdoor Center and Earth Day at Centennial Park. Chapter Meeting / Events: Tennessee Ancient Sites Conservancy (which prompted a follow-up hike to Pinson Mounds State Park in West TN) and An Appalachian Trail through hike slide show by a woman who had little prior hiking experience. The annual Nashville Chapter picnic was held at Warner Park in May. Photos and descriptions of most of our hikes were posted on the Nashville Chapter blog. Libby Francis stepped down as Nashville Chapter Chair on June 30, 2012 after serving in that capacity for 6 years. Doug Burroughs became Chapter Chair July 1, 2012. The Nashville Chapter continues to complete the production and mailing of the TTA Newsletter once it is handed off from the Newsletter Editor. Announced two Wilderness first aid classes for chapters to promote to their members. One on Aug 21-25 via WFA at REI. The other, Oct 20-21 via WMA at REI; costs around \$200.

Plateau - reported by Cheryl Heckler; via circulated pre-review/zip folder stating: Our chapter membership has increased to 61. We scheduled our weekly Wednesday hike and two Saturday hikes per month. We did our first Virginia Creeper Bike outing in May. We continue to monitor the Cumberland Mt State Park trails and report to the rangers when trail maintenance is needed. Our chapter meeting programs have been: "A Perfect Hike in New Zealand" by Marion Irwin. We skip June & July for Chapter Meetings. Our National Trail's Day event was "Hike all the Trails at Cumberland Mt State Park".

Soddy Daisy - reported by Bob McGavock, also present, via circulated pre-review/zip folder stating: This chapter and the Chickamauga Creek Conservancy (Gregory Vickery) co-hosted a National Trails Day event at The Greenway Farms (City of Chattanooga Park) and greeted approx. 100 hikers and guests. Our member volunteers wore their new American Hiking Society "National Trails Days" T-shirts and signed up two new members for the TTA. A joint hike was held with the Plateau Chapter (great bunch) on the CT from Signal Pt (in Signal Mtn, Tn.) to Edwards Pt. and back via Rainbow Lake. It was an "egg frying day" while moving along the escarpment on the approach to Edward's Pt. No work days have been scheduled to date due to hot weather. Some members of the The City of Soddy-Daisy, TN City Council have recently expressed an interest in developing a connector trail to the Cumberland Trail from Poe's Tavern (by City Hall) in center of the city. Council meetings are being monitored for any developments in this regard.

Sumner Trails- reported by David & Shirley Primeau; also present, via circulated pre-review/zip folder stating: Our chapter membership remains stable, with non-renewals being generally members who were not active in attendance at meetings or hiking events. Programs at our monthly chapter meeting: June -- The Land Trust for Tennessee; July -- meeting cancelled due to Independence Day celebration; August -- Walden's Puddle Wildlife

Education and Rehabilitation Center. National Trails Day, June 2, 2012 – The Chapter sponsored a hike of the Hendersonville Greenway, with the Hendersonville mayor leading the hike and approximately 50 area residents participating (the vast majority of participants were non-TTA members). The hike was scheduled as a two mile hike but at the end, the mayor invited participants to hike back to the starting area with him, with nearly all returning with him. One of the Hendersonville newspapers publicized the hike prior to the event and printed a lengthy article with pictures after the hike. We distributed TTA brochures to several participants at the hike but have not had any new members join on the basis of this hike. However, a Chapter member approached the mayor of Gallatin, TN about leading a hike of the Gallatin Greenway and this is scheduled for September. We have had 1-2 hiking events each month as two of our hiking coordinators have been unavailable in recent months. We also had a potluck/pool party at a member's home and have a canoe trip planned in August (in the summer we generally try to plan some activities other than hiking because of the heat). We are attempting to identify members to serve as new Chapter Co-Chairs for next year and to involve more members in leading hikes as one of our hike coordinators will be moving out of state shortly.

Reports by Associate Organizations

Rails-to-Trails - reported by Bob Richards via circulated pre-review/zip folder stating: Shelby Farms Greenline - eastern Shelby county 6.5 miles have been paved and open for about 18 months. Work is progressing and funding is needed to pave and open an additional 7.0 miles to the east. Johnson City, TN Work on the Master Plan continues with a preliminary completion date around the end of 2012. Once Plan is complete and approved, work to open up portions of the corridor as a multiple use gravel based trail will begin. First section in Johnson city limits will be paved when funds are available. A Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF) grant application has been made by Grundy county for the purchase of about 20 miles of right of way still owned by CSX Railroad. Partners on this project include the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance and the Land Trust for Tennessee South Cumberland office. There are TDOT Transportation Enhancement grants for trail in the Monteagle area. Partial Rail to Trail project in Hamilton county with planning work and fund raising being done for the 3.5 mile extension of the Tennessee Riverpark from downtown Chattanooga. Project will end at the base of Lookout Mountain/ St. Elmo area. This expansion will potentially be used for a connections with the Lookout mountain trail and included in the Great Eastern Trail. Athens – McMinn county This 6.4 mile Rail to Trail project has received \$240,000 in RTP grant funding to be matched with \$60,000 in local funding. Negotiations are continuing with CSX Railroad on the sale of the corridor.

Cumberland Trail Conference – reported by Diane Manas, also present, via circulated pre-review/zip folder stating: **Highlights since January 2012:** During an Alternative Spring Break in January students helped to complete an interpretive trail in Soddy Daisy about the coal mining operations in the area. In March, four miles were completed on the Kinslow property (Graysville/Dayton area). In addition, re-routing a segment along Board Camp Creek where the trail now follows the creek bed. Several maintenance projects were performed in the Piney River, Rock-Possum-Soddy areas. Tony's crews of volunteers and paid staff completed the gap in the new river section, resulting in 51 miles of continuous open trail from the southwest corner of Frozen Head State Park to Tank Springs in LaFollette. Tony received the HPP Grant for Black Mt. trail construction; which will begin soon. The purchase of the Patten property (Chickamauga area) was consummated (CTC put up \$80,000 to facilitate the purchase). Under Bobby Fulcher's guidance an outstanding "Heartland" TV program featuring The Cumberland Trail was produced and aired twice recently on Knoxville's NBC channel. With recent land purchases in hand, State Parks now has a little more than 85% of the trail corridor secured. During CTC's recent July board meeting, Ray Garrett read proposed changes to TTA's by-laws; specifically Section 10; which had been worked out during a March 20, 2012 special TTA/CTC Committee meeting (made up of 4 TTA and 4 CTC representatives.). **There was some discussion and the proposal was met with unanimous approval.** Changes were approved by TTA's Board during the May 5, 2012 meeting and will need to be voted on by the TTA membership during the Annual Membership meeting in October 2012 for final approval. **Looking ahead:** Trail maintenance is ongoing. Volunteer time and monetary donations are encouraged. Four ultra-marathon races are planned on segments of the CT; some/all of the proceeds benefit the CTC. Three races organized by Rock Creek Outfitters (Stump Jump; Upchuck; Lookout); one by Knoxville Track Club (CT 50). The annual Bike Ride Across TN (BRAT) generates donations to the CTC. CTC entered into contract to build the Big Soddy suspension bridge through an engineering firm. The goal is to complete the bridge in Spring 2013. Working together, the CTC and Tennessee State Parks have an ambitious plan to complete the remaining sections on available land within the next six or so years. **An upcoming event:** (which is also soliciting volunteers or if one cannot volunteer; ideally attend to show your support to this wonderfully long segment of the CT). As we all know the construction of the Cumberland Trail is an ongoing project with many discontinuous segments completed along its 300 mile corridor, some fairly lengthy, some rather short. The segments sum to a total of 185 miles of completed trail. However, as of this month the project enjoys the completion of an impressive continuous segment of the trail stretching 51 miles in an unbroken path from Tank Springs in LaFollette to the

south western edge of Frozen Head State Park. This impressive milestone is worth celebrating with supporters, friends, hikers and the media. An appropriate celebratory event could bring recognition to the long range project and offer an opportunity to gain additional financial and political support. Accordingly, a celebration is being planned to take place at Frozen Head State Park (southern end of the trace) on September 15, 2012. Details are to be worked out, but plans are for various dignitaries to be invited - congressional reps, state reps, county mayors, TDEC officials, and others to be included. Please put it on your calendar and to ask for volunteers to help in making the gathering a success. Also of importance . . . CTC Advisory and TTA board members attendance would be especially valuable since considerable influence can be garnered from these members. If you are willing to assist in some way, please contact Ray Garrett (garrett.ray1@att.net) or Tony Hook (tony.hook@frontiernet.net) or Marleya Pendleton; CTC office mgr (marleyapendleton@frontiernet.net) This is something for all involved to be proud of.

Discussion requiring follow-up: for Diane/CTC: Was the grant from TDOT received; if not, is one expected; amount and is it an HPP or an RTD grant? Is it possible in the future to obtain specifics on grants awarded versus them being lumped together and called "a grant was awarded." Is it possible to receive details on the name and type of grant, for which project, and the amount. Also, as an associate organization of TTA, CTC is required to provide financials on a quarterly basis to TTA's Treasurer for review during TTA's board meeting.

Old Business

National Trails Day – reported by Bob Richards via circulated pre-review/zip folder stating: Please thank everyone for their assistance and support of the 2012 National Trails Day events. There were a total of 56 Tennessee NTD events, way more than the 42 from last year! <http://www.americanhiking.org/NTDSearchResult.aspx?slid=42> Discussion – AHS/NTD event registration webpage asked for too much personal information (such as registrants' home address, phone number, email address). It was suggested that the information collected by NTD use TTA's POBox and chapters' xxxx@tennesseetrails.com email address. One board member felt that NTD was too aggressive in wanting event locations to buy NTD merchandise.

Update on Annual Meeting - reported by J.R. Tate, also present, via circulated pre-review/zip folder stating: A quick overview of where we're at: Entertainment for Friday night is booked. Wells Family Bluegrass is an all-girl band. Great! Everything is set with Brandon Springs Group Camp at LBL. We have 6 "huts" reserved and have first "dibs" on the other two if needed. (Huts are bunkroom style accommodation; 12 bunkbeds per side; one side men, the other women). Hikes are being set up. We have a "serious" planning meeting tomorrow evening to finalize the schedule of events and hikes. I will have this when I come to the Quarterly Meeting on August 4th, along with a couple of letters to go into the Sept. newsletter. We still have to get an auctioneer for the live auction but this shouldn't be a problem. All seems to be tracking okay, no major problems.

DISCUSSION: Theme for this year's Annual Meeting is "Nuture a Generation." Hikes will be published in the September newsletter. For information about other area accommodations; like a motel/inn; call the Steward County Chamber of Commerce at 931-232-8290. Clarksville members will want help with the sales tax collection and paperwork. In the process of circulating emails to chapter officers calling for donations for white elephant, bake sale, live and silent auctions. Email will include a request in keeping with the theme of "Nuture a Generation," chapters are asked to prepare a themed backpack; such as, astronomy, insects, recycling, etc. The backpacks will be auctioned off. While driving to the Annual Meeting please mind your speed in the Dover TN area. Dover is notorious for catching speeders. Of the revenue generated during the meeting; the chapter will retain the profits from Registration, Bake Sale, and Beverage sales. The TTA will receive the profits from the White Elephant, Silent and Live Auction to use as they wish. **Future idea** – using a credit card processing system which runs through an android or iphone. Three companies offering this are IntuitGoPayment.com, Squareup.com, Paypal.com. The set-up should be easy, the transaction fee is 2.75%. Accepts all of the major credit cards.

Fran Wallas 36 Great Hikes Patch – Nora Beck.

The committee followed the recommendations from the 2nd Qtr board meeting and designed a "rocker" panel to give the patch two-level recognition. One pertains to the 36 Great Hikes; the other, recognizes "Hiked them all." A mock-up drawing of the two patches was circulated and met with approval. The board was queried to help determine a qty to buy of the patch and of the "rocker." 200 for the patch and 100 for the "rocker" may be a good start – but , knowing what the production breaks and costs ware should be a better guide. Turnaround time on production is 4-6 weeks and be available at the Annual Meeting in October. An announcement about the patch will appear in the September or October newsletter. It appears that TDEC is "a done deal" for cross promoting with TTA regarding the "Fran Wallas' 36 Great Hikes and Hike Them All" – just needs to be connected/linked through our webpages. Discussed what, if at all, TTA wants/expects from a hiker who says they have hiked them all and wants to buy the rocker (which states "Hiked then all") patch. A sample of the

application by the Cumberland Trail Conference 50-Miler Club (for those who have completed 50 miles on the CT) can be found at: www.cumberlandtrail.org/docs/50mileapply.pdf While the 900-Miler Club application (for those who have completed all the trails in GSMNP) can be found at: <http://900miler.com/900appli.htm> The patch committee will decide and report whether an application will need to be submitted as proof of performance on hiking the 36 Great Hikes. TDEC's webpage which lists by issue Fran Wallas' Great Hikes can be found at: www.state.tn.us/environment/tn_consv/greathikes/ Bob Richards currently has 70 copies of Fran Wallas' 36 Great Hikes which will be for sale (not sure, but they may be priced at \$5.00 each).

New Business

Membership growth idea – Millette Jones

Millette presented 2 ideas for retaining/gaining new members – both through writing personal letters (vs email).

Millette will try this first and report whether it was too/not too time consuming and report on results. For new members she will write a personal welcome message "from TTA's President." For members with memberships nearing or have expired, Millette will write a personal message which mentions that their membership is up for renewal and asks them to renew as well as inviting them back to attend an upcoming activity.

Financial Updates- sales tax collection, end of year reporting - Ann Jacobs

Currently TTA has \$1,061.26 in a Schwab account as a result of a stock gift donated by a TTA member. It was discussed to close the Schwab account and move the donation into TTA (for possibly adding to one of TTA's CDs). Motion to close the account was made by Nora Beck, and seconded by Charlie Bright.

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Announcement for Proposed Bylaws Changes to membership (30 days prior to vote)

Diane will prepare and submit an announcement to the September newsletter. The announcement will notify members of the proposed changes to item #10; showing the current bylaw #10 and of the proposed changes. The announcement will include the link for finding the complete bylaws online. The announcement will also state that members must be present to vote; sorry no proxy votes.

2012 TTA Awards nominating committee

Committee was formed to review nominations for TN Trails; Bill Stutz; Bob Brown and Golden Squirrel awards.

The committee is made up of 3 Regional Reps, TTA President and 2 Past Presidents. The call for nominations appeared in the August newsletter and so far nothing has been received. Millette will circulate a reminder to the chapter officers. Criteria for nominations appear in the TTA Bylaws. Don Dresser has the contact for the company making the plaques in 2011. Allow at least 2 weeks to turnaround plaques from company.

Other – National Public Lands Day; September 29

Chapters are encouraged to plan and event to recognize NPLD. Highland Rim has a trail work day planned. NPLD does not require your registering the event online.

Other – Meeting Program Ideas – Nora Beck

Nora has available for borrowing; and these make good programs for chapter meetings; "Short Hikes of South Cumberland State Park – Vol. 1," "Gas Land," "Inconvenient Truth," and "Kilowatt Ours."

Other – Cummings Falls State Park – Nora Beck

This is TN's newest state park, and is open to hiking. There are no steps to the falls but there is some sort of rope ladder providing access to the falls.

Other – Newsletter – Diane Manas

Please remember to include details of your chapters' activities/hikes – when, where, highlights, hazards and other pertinent information so that readers will be interested in reading about TTA, know what to expect when hiking on specific outings and encourage them to remain active, and keep their membership. A discussion of having more articles appear that are more substantial and new would help our editor greatly, and keep readers' interest. It was suggested that we add back to the newsletter the "From Our President" column.

Dates for future TTA meetings

October 27, 2012 (Membership Meeting); October 28, 2012 (Board Meeting).

Motion to ajourn by J.R. Tate; seconded by Ron Dunn. Meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Submitted by:

Diane Manas; Secretary, Tennessee Trails Association



Attachments

Membership Report-Q3
2012

Q2
Totals- 583
Individual- 353
Family- 134
Supporting- 37
Student- 3
Life- 51
Family Life- 5

Q3
Totals- 594
Individual- 354
Family- 145
Supporting- 36
Student- 2
Life- 52
Family Life- 5

Totals- +11
Individual- +1
Family- +11
Supporting- -1
Student- -1
Life- +1
Family Life- no change

Members by Chapter, Class

Chapter	Total	Individual	Family	Supporting	Student	Life	Family Life	Honorary	VIP
Big South Fork	2			1		1			
Clarksville	46	27	16	1		2			
Columbia, Franklin	32	24	7		1				
Cove Lake	6	3	2			1			
Dyersburg	1	1							
East Tennessee	37	24	4	4		5			
Highland Rim	42	20	18			4			
Jackson	19	10	5	4					
Memphis	62	34	17	5		5	1		
Murfreesboro	60	39	9	7	1	3	1		
Nashville	113	67	18	6		21	1		
Northwest	3	2	1						
Plateau	66	39	21	2		3	1		
Soddy Daisy	21	11	9			1			
Sumner Trails	35	25	8	1		1			
Un-affiliated	7	5		1		1			
Un-affiliated, East	8	2	1	3		1	1		
Un-affiliated, Middle	3	3							
Upper Cumberland	31	18	9	1		3			
Grand Total	594	354	145	36	2	52	5		

Original: - Secretary & Treasurer Retain



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TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

BLANKET CERTIFICATE OF RESALE

TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ATTN: ANN JACOBS

PO BOX 41446

NASHVILLE TN 37204-1446



Effective Date: 01-01-12

Account Type: SALES&USE

Account No.: 106131197

5729 STONEWAY TRL
NASHVILLE TN 37209-4558

Under the provisions of Tenn. Code Ann. Title 67, Chapter 6, the person named above is granted authority by the Tennessee Department of Revenue to make purchases for resale, without payment of the Sales or Use Tax, of tangible personal property or taxable services. Any merchandise obtained upon this resale certificate is subject to the Sales or Use Tax if it is used or consumed in any matter by the organization itself, or is given away, and must be reported and the tax paid thereon directly to the Department of Revenue. Certificates of Resale must not be used to obtain tangible personal property or taxable services to be used by the purchaser and not for resale. [See definition of "resale" in Tenn. Code Ann. Section 67-6-102]

The person named above must furnish its suppliers of goods and services with a **COPY** of this exemption certificate, which replaces the generic certificate previously issued by the Department. The lower portion of the certificate must be properly completed. The organization **MUST** retain the original certificate for copy purposes. The supplier will maintain a file copy as evidence of exemption. Later purchases do not require the submission of additional copies.

Effective Date 01-01-12

Richard H. Roberts
Commissioner of Revenue

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ORGANIZATION (please print)

TO: VENDOR: _____

The undersigned certifies that the merchandise purchased on each order placed is purchased for the reason indicated below. The purchaser must notify the seller in writing if the certificate is no longer valid.

- ☐ Resale as tangible personal property, or resale of a service subject to tax.
- ☐ A component part of an article to be produced for sale by manufacturing, assembling, processing, or refining.
- ☐ Rental or leasing of tangible personal property.
- ☐ Use in accordance with the provisions of Rule 1320-5-1-.68(4). (A copy of the Direct Pay Permit must be given to the vendor.)
- ☐ _____

(Indicate the purpose for which the property is bought when no Sales or Use Tax is to be collected.)

SIGNATURE OF PURCHASER _____

TENN. CODE ANN. SECTION 67-6-607 MAKES IT A MISDEMEANOR TO MISUSE A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION WITHOUT PAYING THE SALES OR USE TAXES AND SUBJECTS THE CERTIFICATE TO REVOCATION.



TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ATTN: ANN JACOBS

PO BOX 41446

NASHVILLE TN 37204-1446

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June 8, 2012

Account Type: SALES&USE

Account No.: 106131197

Filing Status: ANNUAL

We have received and processed your application for registration. Your valid certificate is attached below. This certificate must be publicly displayed at the location for which it is issued. The account number on this certificate is used by the department to identify your account and must be shown on all reports and correspondence. The reverse side of this certificate contains important information regarding change and/or cancellation instructions.

T.C.A. 67-6-607 Unauthorized Use of Certificate

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Persons liable for remitting two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or more in tax with any return, report or other document are required by law to make tax payments by electronic funds transfer (EFT).

For additional information regarding this account you may call Taxpayer Services between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, holidays excepted. Please see the back of this notice for our local offices and phone numbers.

DETACH HERE AND DISPLAY IN PUBLIC AREA

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CC: - TTA Board Officers (as an fyi from the Aug 5, 2012 Bd Mtg Minutes)

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For additional information, contact the Taxpayer Services Division in one of our Department of Revenue Offices:

Chattanooga (423) 634-6266 Suite 350 State Office Building 540 McCallie Avenue	Jackson (731) 423-6747 Suite 340 Lowell Thomas Building 225 Martin Luther King Blvd.
Johnson City (423) 854-5321 204 High Point Drive	Knoxville (865) 594-6100 Room 606 State Office Building 531 Henley Street
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www.tennessee.gov/revenue

ASSISTANCE

For additional information or assistance regarding this notice, you should contact the Department of Revenue. Tennessee residents may use the toll-free number, 1-800-342-1003. Nashville area and out-of-state callers may call (615)253-0600. Hearing Impaired may call TDD at (615)741-7398. You may call either of these numbers between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (CT), Monday through Friday, holidays excepted. You may direct any correspondence or submit written information to the following address: Tennessee Department of Revenue, 500 Deaderick Street, Nashville, TN 37242. Please provide your account number and notice number when inquiring about the notice.

THIS CERTIFICATE IS NON-TRANSFERABLE

If the business is closed, moved, sold or the trade name is changed, the taxpayer must complete the questions listed below and return this certificate to:

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Taxpayer Services Division
Andrew Jackson State Office Building
Nashville, Tennessee 37242

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND/OR TRADE NAME

NEW TRADE NAME _____

NEW ADDRESS _____

OUT OF BUSINESS OR CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

DATE OF CLOSING OR SALE OF BUSINESS _____

NEW FIRM NAME _____

NEW OWNER'S NAME(S) _____

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7/16/2012

Banking Summary
4/1/2012 through 7/16/20124/1/2012-
7/16/2012

Category	
INCOME	
CTC Membership Revenue	-70.00
Membership Dues	3,999.97
Memorial	50.00
Merchandise Sales	3.00
Support	295.00
Web Income	60.95
TOTAL INCOME	4,398.92
EXPENSES	
Books	350.00
Postage and Delivery	1,536.26
Printing and Reproduction	1,251.00
Stipend for Newsletter	300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,437.26
OVERALL TOTAL	871.66

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TTA Net Worth - As of 7/16/2012
As of 7/16/2012

Account	7/16/2012 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
CD - A	
CD - B	10,263.62
Money Market	9,012.78
Regions - Jackson	11,181.10
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	19,060.60
Investments	49,518.10
Brokerage	
TOTAL Investments	1,061.27
TOTAL ASSETS	60,579.37
LIABILITIES	8.00
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