

October 27, 2012

TTA Annual Membership Meeting

Awards were presented during the annual membership meeting.

Tennessee Trails Award – Linda Hixon

Bill Stutz Award – Ron Dunn

Bob Brown Lifetime Achievement Award – Randy Hedgepath

Golden Squirrel – not awarded

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by President, Millette Jones.

The Clarksville Chapter was recognized for the work they have done to host the annual meeting.

TTA Board Update: Board voted to donate slightly over \$6500 to Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation to be used to purchase 5 acres of the 1550 acre parcel of the privately owned Virgin Falls State Natural Area. Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation has purchased the land which will be managed by TDEC.

Vote on by-laws: Don Dresser made the motion to accept the by-law change as printed in the newsletter. (see attached) Motion seconded by Joan Hartvigsen. Motion carried unanimously.

Chapter Officer Reports

Clarksville – JR Tate

Hike.

Participated in Austin Peay festival.

Hosted annual meeting.

Columbia/Franklin – Marvin Caine

Two hikes per month.

Looking for new hikes. Went to Cummins Falls.

Monthly meeting speaker: JR Tate

Continue to work at Stillhouse Hollow: installed some steps.

Want to recognize Rick Pinkle for his work to organize the trail building at Stillhouse Hollow.

Collected \$188 to donate to CTC.

Cove Lake – John Redmon

Monthly hikes and monthly meetings.

Several multi-chapter hikes.

Maintaining 11.4 miles of the Cumberland Trail.

East Tennessee – Rosemary Marshall

Hike approximately two times per month

Two bike events this year.

Overnight camp out in Smokies during the firefly event.
November – annual hike planning meeting to plan all 2013 hikes.
Willing to participate in multi-chapter hikes.

Highland Rim – Linda Hudson

Active chapter.
At least 3 hikes per month.
Several float trips.
Several work days at Short Springs State Natural Area.
Dr. Bradley from Motlow College did a Civil War history hike through Tullahoma.
Scheduled
Great programs: Nature Conservancy, Randy Hedgepath, National Geographic
Photographer.

Jackson – Don Dresser

November 10 – Fort Pillow hike
Upcoming hike: Cane Creek Canyon Nature Preserve in Alabama is being managed by the Nature Conservancy.

Memphis – Francis Ruffin (co-chair)

Charlie Bright is chair.
Hiked, built a bridge, hiked and ate.
25 hikes from January – October with about 20 participants per hike.
Full moon hike.
Naturalist hike led by Randy Hedgepath.

Nashville – Doug Burroughs

Hikes every month.
REI gift wrap event in December as a fund raiser.
Monthly newsletter party
Started a blog.
Hike coordinator: Nancy Juodenas
Recognized Libby Francis for 6 years as chapter chair and hike coordinator

Murfreesboro – Sara Pollard

Asked all chapter members in attendance stand up and be recognized.
Two trail maintenance events at Barfield Crescent.
Started Sunday afternoon hikes for families – at least one per month.
Chapter blog – updated and maintained by Craig McBride.
Sends out weekly e-mail to communicate with chapter members.

Plateau – Cheryl Heckler

Hike, monthly meeting and Christmas party.
Added 20 members over the year to reach a level of 68 members.
Joint hikes with surrounding chapters.
Virginia Creeper bike trail.

Smoky Overnight during the Firefly event.
National Trails Day event at Cumberland Mtn State Park.
Third annual chapter fund raiser: selling calendars.
Chapter donated \$700 to the purchase of Virgin Falls.
Annual meeting 2013: Fall Creek Falls: October 25 – 27, 2013

Soddy Daisy – Bob McGavock

Small chapter, but growing.
Now have 21 members.
Have a member who teaches wilderness first aid.
Have business cards and handouts to advertise the chapter.
National Trails Day event at North Chickamauga Creek Conservancy.
Schedule two hikes per week for approximately 85 hikes to date this year.
Will be co-host for 2013 annual meeting.

Upper Cumberland – Cookeville/Sparta: Louise Miniard

Hike every Saturday
Three new members
Donated money to purchase Virgin Falls.
Have business cards to advertise chapter.
Marnell Cothran just recorded 5,000 miles of hiking.

Election of officers for 2013:

President: Millette Jones
Vice President: Carolyn Miller
Treasurer: Ann Jacobs
Membership Director: Tim Townley
Secretary: Diane Manas
West Tennessee Regional Representative – Graydon Swisher

JR Tate made a motion to accept the slate of candidates. Motion was seconded by Pete Broehl.
Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Miller
Acting Secretary, 2012 Annual Membership Meeting

Proposed Changes to TTA Bylaws

At the Annual Meeting on October 27, the membership will be asked to approve changes to TTA's bylaws. These changes are intended to clarify the working relationship between TTA and any subsidiary Associate Organization, including the Cumberland Trail Conference. These changes will be implemented by a complete replacement of Section 10, which guides the formation and operation of Associate Organizations.

Both the TTA Board of Directors and the leadership of CTC have approved these changes.

To become effective, these changes to the TTA bylaws must be approved by a majority vote of the TTA members present at the October 27, 2012 meeting. Please note, under our current bylaws "Family Memberships" receive one vote for each adult family member who is present, up to a maximum of two votes. Sorry, there will be no votes by proxy.

For your information, a complete copy of all the bylaws is available on the TTA website, www.tennesseetrails.org, under the member services option.

Existing Section 10:

Five or more members may form an Associate Organization of the Tennessee Trails Association upon receiving prior approval of the Board of Directors. Each Associate Organization will be created 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 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, officers and advisory boards of directors. All officers must be members of Tennessee Trails Association. The president of Tennessee Trails Association shall be an ex officio member of any advisory board.

An Associate Organization may seek its own financial support to carry out its mission. An Associate Organization shall manage funds that it receives, submit periodic reports, and schedule outside audits in manner that is approved by the treasurer of Tennessee Trails Association.

The Board of Directors of Tennessee Trails Association may from time to time delegate additional authority to an Associate Organization, its advisory board or its officers, including the authority to make personnel decisions, to enter contracts, to open bank accounts, to settle claims or any other authority that the Board deems prudent to delegate to the Associate Organization, and may impose such conditions or limitations on any delegation as it determines to be prudent.

The Board of Directors of Tennessee Trails Association may direct that an Associate Organization be dissolved. In that event, all money and property in the possession of the Associate Organization shall be transferred to Tennessee Trails Association or distributed in such manner as the Board of Directors of Tennessee Trails Association decides.

Proposed Section 10:

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.