

May 4, 2013 these minutes were approved w/corrections presented:

\*The minutes should read "the Board approved increasing the member allocation from \$2.00 to \$3.00. The Evans Means Grant has always been \$3000.00 per year."

February 2, 2013

TTA 1st Quarter Board Meeting- 2013  
Tennessee Parks and Greenways Office  
Nashville, TN

**Attendees:** Bob Richards, Dave and Shirley Primeau, JR Tate, Marvin Caine, Don Dresser, Levonn Hubbard, Sara Pollard, Cheryl Heckler, Carolyn Miller, Vicky Moeller, Nora Beck, Doug Burroughs, Charlie Bright, Millette Jones, Linda Hudson

**Absent:** Ann Jacobs, Diane Manas, Tim Townley, Graydon Swisher, Rosemary Marshall, John Redmon, Scott Pun, John Politte (Soddy Daisy), Louise Miniard, LouAnn Partington

Meeting called to order at 1:08 PM by TTA President, Millette Jones.

Secretary's Report. **Motion** Levonn Hubbard to accept minutes as distributed. Seconded by Marvin Caine. Motion carried.

Membership Report -Tim Townley

Report distributed by e-mail. Tim was unable to attend due to work commitments.  
Increased numbers of members.

Treasurer's Report – Millette Jones.

Reports distributed by e-mail. Ann Jacobs unable to attend due to personal reason.

\*o Suggestion to increase chapter allocation: Minimum of \$100 and then increase from \$1 per person to \$2 per person. **Motion** by Levonn Hubbard. Seconded by Cheryl Heckler. Motion carried.

o Evan Means grant funds: We need to spend some money.

Discussion:

- Once we determine how much to have in a reserve fund, then we can find good projects to fund.
- Recommend one year's reserve and then plan to spend for worthy projects.
- Recommend that Ann Jacobs provide us with an opinion of how much money we would need to operate for one year.
- Budget: Evan Means has increased from \$2000 to \$3000.

**Motion** by Don Dresser to approve the budget as distributed. Seconded by Marvin Caine. Motion carried.

Regional Representatives Reports.

Distributed by e-mail.

o Graydon Swisher submitted a written report. Graydon was unable to attend due to his wife's surgery.

- Bridge at Randolph is complete (funded by a 2011 Evan Means grant).
- Actively seeking new leaders to revive the Dyersburg chapter.
- New e-mail address: go2swish@gmail.com.

o Middle Tennessee – Nora Beck

- Lawrenceburg/Lewisburg area chapter– no progress. Plan to go to the chamber of commerce and then advertise in the paper.

- Distributed a draft of how to qualify for the Fran Wallas 36 Great Hikes “rocker”. Comments were solicited. Add option to buy the patch and to buy the Fran Wallas hikes “book”. Hikes are described on TDEC website, so we could cross-link to give the description of each hike.

Chapter Officers Report: Distributed by e-mail.

Briefly went around the room and asked chapter chairs for their input.

Dave Burroughs – Nashville

Have a contract with Montgomery Bell State Park for the annual meeting:  
October 24 – 26, 2014.

Associate Organizations.

- SEFTC Report – information included in e-mails.
- CTC Report – information included in e-mails.
- Rails to Trails: Bob Richards.
  - No change.
  - Johnson City finalizing plans
  - Athens: rail project slowly moving forward.
- National Trails Day (NTD) – June 1, 2013.
  - Asking all TTA chapters to plan an event.
  - Individual Tennessee State Parks planned events for 2012 NTD.

Evan Means Grant Review- Bob Richards

- 2012 grants update: see handout
- 2013 grants request:
  - WATeR – Watershed Association of the Tellico Reservoir
    - 36 mile long trail on Eastern Shore. They have completed 24 of 36 miles.
    - Request for \$1200 for a board walk.
    - Motion to approve by Levonn Hubbard. Seconded by Nora Beck. Motion carried.
  - CTC – Request for \$600 for breakaway. Bob Richards recommends \$1000 be donated to fund the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Breakaway program. Motion by Levonn Hubbard to designate \$1000 to be used at Breakaway 2013. Seconded by JR Tate. Motion carried.
- There are unfunded monies in the Evan Means Grant Fund. These could be used for chapter trail projects.

Book Sponsorship Request – Jim Poteet.

Re: Mary Priestley’s book. Not eligible for Evan Means Grant.

**ACTION:** Millette to reply that this is beyond the scope of Evan Means Grant.

Annual Meeting Update – Cheryl Heckler, Plateau Chapter Chair

- October 25 – 27, 2013 at Fall Creek Falls
- Soddy Daisy and Plateau chapter are the hosts and have had two planning meetings.
- Registration and all necessary forms will be in July newsletter.
- Book of past annual meeting information – who has it?

- Plan to have some education programs.
- Storytelling.

Allocation of funds raised at Annual Meeting: **Motion** by Carolyn Miller to designate auction funds raised at the annual meeting for trail building. Seconded by JR Tate. Motion carried.

Vice President Search Committee. Millette's term as president ends this year and Carolyn Miller will be nominated as President.

**Committee:** Carolyn Miller, chairman. Others to be appointed.

Regional Rep Search Committee.

- Staggered terms according to the by-laws.
- Committee: Nora Beck, Levonn Hubbard, Graydon Swisher.
- **ACTION:** Propose plan to be presented at May board meeting.

New financial reporting requirements for chapters/problem solving – Information received from Ann Jacobs.

- Received some reports. Plans to send a copy to each chapter of what information is needed and how to report that information.

Webmaster/Web Redesign

- Jim Poteet has asked that someone take over the job of webmaster.
  - Committee: Don Dresser, Charlie Bright (chair), Doug Burroughs, Bob Richards and Millette Jones.
  - Need to invite Ron Dunn to join the committee.
  - Would be a good idea to have someone with a marketing background and a web design background to serve on this committee.
  - Millette: wants a proposal to seek bids for a new web designer.
  - Discussion about how much it would cost to have a paid "webmaster".
  - Bob Richards recommends "Word Press" as a web design software.
  - Wants to have all blogs to look more similar and connect to a main TTA blog.
  - Cheryl adds Plateau chapter hike information into the TTA website.
- Jim Poteet provided her with the information to do this.

New strategies for Annual Meetings.

- Tabled until May meeting.

Evan Means Grant promotions

- Want to increase the number of applications that are received each year.
- Make sure that chapters know that they can apply for Evan Means Grants.
- Comment about adding this information to the TTA Face Book page.
- **ACTION:** include information in the newsletter to advertise the availability of Evan Means Grant money.

Regional Rep duties redefined:

- Is there a job description?

- Start new chapters; promote/support chapters.
- Comment: regional reps could/should develop contacts at universities.

Miscellaneous:

- Chapter speakers: State employees are performing their work.
  - Some chapters pay for a meal.
  - Some chapters pay a certain amount to speakers.
  - Some chapters pay for gasoline.
  - Can pass the hat to create a "kitty" to pay for some of the expenses.

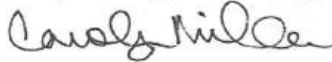
Dates for future TTA meetings:

- Potential dates: first Saturdays in May and August and at the annual meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Levonn Hubbard. Second by Carolyn Miller. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Miller

Vice-President

Acting Secretary for the February Board Meeting

## **Regional Rep Reports**

### **East Tennessee Report from Levonn Hubbard**

Attended the SEFTC conference at Fall Creek Falls and served as a hike leader.

## **Chapter Officer Reports**

### **Clarksville Report from JR Tate**

We are recovered from the Annual Meeting hosted. Our plan for the first two months of 2013 is to (again) hike all of the Land Between the Lakes North/South Trail. Membership gain/renewal remains a top priority for us. We will again participate in APSU's Wellness Expo in March.

### **Columbia/Franklin Chapter Report from Marvin Caine**

- \* In November we finished installing the last set of steps on the main trail at Stillhouse Hollow Falls State Natural Area.
- \* We had a Smokies Weekend in November. We had day hikes on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and stayed at a hotel in Gatlinburg. This was our first such event, but we plan to do this again this Spring.
- \* At our December meeting we planned our hikes for the first six months in 2013. As usual two hikes a month is planned.
- \* Unfortunately both of our hikes in December had to be cancelled.
- \* Rick Lausten gave a presentation at our January meeting on his 192 mile hike across northern England last year. Attendance was probably at an all time high for a Columbia/Franklin chapter meeting.

### **Jackson chapter report from Vicky Moeller**

1. Have hike schedule planned for the Winter/Spring of 2013
2. Schedule two days, Saturday January 26 and Saturday March 23, for trail maintenance on the Red Leaf trail at Natchez Trace State Park.
3. Have business cards for the Jackson Chapter to hand out to recruit new members.

### **Memphis Chapter Report from Charlie Bright**

We have had nine hikes since the last quarterly meeting with an average of about 20 participants per hike. About two-thirds were members

We have 29 hikes scheduled for 2013.

On November 29 I went with Pat and Richard Wertz and walked the Chickasaw Bluff/Pioneer Springs Trail. We clipped a few overhanging limbs along the way and used our hand saws to cut thru a small tree that had fallen across the trail.

On January 17, the same three of us walked the same trail. This time there was a bit more work to be done. There were three places where we had to do a good bit of sawing to clear the trail of trees that had fallen due to the ice storm a few days earlier. We also put up a couple of trail markers to better identify a couple of turns in the trail. And we repaired/replaced some small sections of chicken wire on bridges. The work we did was timely because Pat was leading a hike there two days later and the Swamp Stomper race was the day after that.

### **Murfreesboro Chapter Report from Sara Pollard**

- Our chapter offered local hikes at the Stones River Battlefield and Barfield Park's back country trails. We also traveled to Chattanooga for a hike on Lookout Mountain. Our Sunday afternoon hikes continue to be well attended and we had Highland Rim members to join us in Short Springs State Natural Area.
- We also included our traditional after Thanksgiving hike at Old Stone Fort and the Bowling Farm potluck and social in Monterrey.
- Our current officers have agreed to serve in their positions for 2013.
- We had 9 members attend the annual meeting at Land Between the Lakes.
- For National Public Lands Day (September 29), we had members doing trail maintenance at Barfield Park and the Stones River Battlefield.
- We had a variety of speakers this last quarter, from presentations on a week long bicycle ride on the Missouri Katy Trail, a park ranger's exotic and sometimes invasive plants, and the Tennessee state parks' 75th Anniversary by State Naturalist Randy Hedgepath. We also planned hikes for January-June 2013 at our hike planning meeting in November.
- Chapter chair continues to send an email reminding members to renew their memberships and how we appreciate their support of TTA. We had 5 new members to join recently.

### **Nashville Chapter Report from Doug Burroughs**

Seven day hikes were completed during the quarter – from local (Warner Park & Radnor Lake) to more distant (Honey Creek, South Cumberland).

Chapter Member show and tell – slides of members' hikes in the US and overseas.

A presentation of the Native History Association about a newly re-discovered section of the Trail of Tears.

The annual Nashville Chapter Holiday Party.

The annual (so far) gift wrapping fundraiser at the Brentwood REI. \$375.00 was donated to the Cumberland Trail Conference food budget for the 2013 Breakaway.

Photos and descriptions of most of our hikes were posted on the Nashville Chapter blog.

The Nashville Chapter continues to complete the production and mailing of the TTA Newsletter once it is handed off from the Newsletter Editor.

### **Plateau Chapter Report from Cheryl Heckler**

- Since the Annual meeting our membership has stayed at 67.
- We have enjoyed some beautiful hikes in spite of the cold winter weather lately in on our regular weekly Wednesday and at least two Saturday per month hikes. We did a joint hike with Upper Cumberland in December.
- Our November Chapter meeting program was "Hiking the Amazon & Galapagos Islands by Mark Richie" by chapter member, Mark Richie. We enjoyed a Christmas Party in December and January we are planning our hikes for 2013
- We sold 57 2013 calendars which brought in a profit of \$310.
- We had elections and have new Treasurers, Program Coordinator, and Membership Manager. The rest of the officers agreed to continue on for another year. The 2013 Chapter Officers are: Chair - Cheryl Heckler; Treasurer – Jan Barber & Don Taylor; Wednesday Hike Coordinator - Bill Harris with assistants Jim Lamb, Howard Owens, Steve Wesley, Bruce Whitehead; Saturday Hike Coordinator - Cheryl Heckler; Programs – Marcy Tucker, Membership – Evelyn Kornreich; TTA Newsletter - Carolyn Miller; Local Newspaper - Jim McCullough; Blogmaster - Bill Quattrociocchi and Jim McCullough; Social Events - Linda Barclay
- We have had 2 organizational meetings with Soddy Daisy Chapter with planning the 2013 Annual meeting for October 25-27 at Fall Creek Falls State Park.



### **Soddy Daisy Chapter Report from Bob McGavock**

The new chapter officers were elected:

Chair- John Politte, 3912 Reaching Way, Soddy-Daisy, TN 37379 [johnpolitte@gmail.com](mailto:johnpolitte@gmail.com) 423-304-8327

Hike Coordinator - George Bonneau (Same info as currently on file)

Treasurer Bob McGavock (Same info as currently on file)

### **Sumner Trails Chapter Report from Shirley and David Primeau**

Membership has remained stable, with 41 member units as of Jan 18, 2013 report from the TTA Membership Director.

Monthly meetings or social events were held, with programs presented as follows:

- October 2012 meeting program - Local historical site (Grasslands - historic horse racing and sporting facility), presented by author of "The City by the Lake: A History of Hendersonville, Tennessee, 1780-1969)
- November meeting program - "Bledsoe Creek State Park and the Friends of Bledsoe Creek State Park", presented by the President of the Friends of Bledsoe Creek State Park and the President of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Bledsoe Creek State Park
- The December - holiday party was held in lieu of the monthly meeting
- January 2013 meeting program - "New Year Resolutions 2013 - Keeping Them by Hiking" (program emphasis was upon how to lead a hike), presented by Sumner Trails Chapter hike coordinators

The goals of the chapter for 2013 include increasing the involvement of members in the chapter operations, especially leading hikes, and chapter participation in a trail-related service project. Currently the chapter only has one hike coordinator, who routinely leads one hike each month, and approximately six members (or member couples) who lead occasional hikes. Following the January 2013 program, three members (or member couples) volunteered as first-time hike leaders. The possibility of a trail-related service project was introduced at the January meeting.



# TTA Membership Report – Q1 2013

Date	Total	Individual	Family	Supporting	Student	Life	Family Life	Honorary	VIP
Jan-12	539	330	121	31	2	51	4	0	0
Feb-12	584	356	133	38	2	51	4	0	0
Mar-12	580	352	134	36	2	51	5	0	0
Apr-12	583	353	134	37	3	51	5	0	0
May-12	573	345	136	34	2	51	5	0	0
Jul-12	594	354	145	36	2	52	5	0	0
Aug-12	580	347	138	37	2	51	5	0	0
Sep-12	573	345	137	34	1	51	5	0	0
Oct-12	583	345	144	37	1	51	5	0	0
Nov-12	588	348	146	37	1	51	5	0	0
Dec-12	591	349	147	38	1	51	5	0	0
Jan-13	584	353	137	37	1	51	5	0	0

**2013 TTA Evan Means Grant Program**  
**Grant application summary**  
 TTA-BOD meeting for Feb 2, 2012

Organization	Grant Request	Grant funding recommended	Project Description	Recommendations
WATER - Watershed Association of the Tellico Reservoir	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	Construct 136 linear feet of 36" wide boardwalk.	WATER has received grants in the past and have been good stewards of these funds. 2012 Report sent in. Eastshore Trail was designated as a National Recreation Trail in June, 2012
Cumberland Trail Conference	\$600.00	\$1,000.00	Funds to be used for the 17th Annual Breakaway Program	The CTC has been awarded TTA funds in the pas, but did not request Evan Means grant funding in 2012. Recommendation is to increase the funding amount to \$1,000.00.
<b>TOTAL Requested</b>	<b>\$1,800.00</b>	<b>\$2,200.00</b>		

**2012 TTA Evan Means Grant Program**  
**Grant application summary**  
 TTA-BOD meeting for Feb 4, 2012

Organization	Grant Request	Grant funding recommended	Project Description	Recommendations
WATER - Watershed Association of the Tellico Reservoir	\$740.00	\$740.00	\$170 for 2-8' bridges, \$70 for 10-4x4's, \$500 for metal signs	WATER has received grants in the past and have been good stewards of these funds. 2012 Report sent in.
Harmony Adoptions, Inc	\$600.00	\$800.00	\$400 for metal signs, \$200 for trail tools	Quasi public organization, 400 acre former YMCA camp near the GSMNP, do have a Friends group and are working on their trail system. No 2012 report provided.
Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation grant extended from 2011 into 2012.		\$400.00	Trail work and bridges at Randolph Bluff property.	No 2012 report submitted.
<b>Total requested</b>	<b>\$1,340.00</b>	<b>\$1,740.00</b>		

**Outdoor Encounters**

**\$600.00**

**Trail construction and maintenance tools for Alexander Trail in Thompson's Station**  
Approved by the Board in the May, 2012 meeting, but tool list never submitted so fund transfer never occurred.