

**Tennessee Trails Association
3rd Quarter Board Meeting Minutes
REI, Nashville
August 3, 2013 (Approved Oct 27, 2013)**

PRESENT: Millette Jones, Carolyn Miller, Ann Jacobs, Tim Townley, Diane Manas, Nora Beck, Don Dresser, Linda Hudson, Vicky Moeller, Doug Burroughs, Cheryl Heckler, John Polite (Approved "Politte" during Oct 27, 2013 mtg), Jane Hamm, Gayle Livingston, Louise Minniard, Bob Richards.

ABSENT: Levonn Hubbard, Graydon Swisher, Rosemary Marshall, J.R. Tate, Marvin Caine, John Redmon, Charlie Bright, Sara Pollard, Scott Pun.

GUESTS PRESENT: Cathy Woods.

Meeting was called to order by TTA President, Millette Jones at 1:04p.m.

A "zipped" folder was circulated by email to the Board prior to the meeting and contained various reports for pre-reviewing. Welcome and introductions were made. Guest, Cathy Woods, interested in the TTA Treasurer's position.

Secretary's Report – Diane Manas

Motion by Tim Townley; seconded by Gayle Livingston to accept 2nd Qtr meeting minutes with corrections. The minutes should read "My Heart and Sole is on Tennessee Trails" (not "soul").

Membership Report – Tim Townley

Membership report (PowerPoint presentation) was circulated in the pre-review/zip folder <attached>. The PowerPoint report quickly shows the ups and downs in various membership categories. Membership levels are almost identical to 12 months ago. During the TTA to PayPal membership payment process the "chapter" data field identifying members' chapter selection is missing. Currently Tim emails member to ask the member for their chapter designation. Millette/Tim to follow-up with PayPal/TTA's Webmaster.

Treasurer's Report – Ann Jacobs

Treasurer's reporting of TTA's & CTC's financials was circulated in the pre-review/zip folder <attached>. A formal Audit report prepared by our auditing firm was circulated. CTC has a Finance Committee. Members are Frank Jamison (Chair), Hiram Rogers and Levonn Hubbard. CTC Finance Committee is aware of the \$87K net loss and is in discussions to determine how to recoup it. CTC has been awarded a \$100K grant by the Lyndhurst Foundation. This may provide some of the monies needed for administrative costs. CTC's investments in CDs are indeed FDIC insured.

Reports by Associate Organizations

Cumberland Trail Conference – Diane Manas

A reporting of Jan-Jun 2013 activities and upcoming activities from today through the start of November was circulated in the pre-review/zip folder <attached>. John Polite reported the Soddy Creek suspension bridge materials are currently being moved into the gorge where a bridge will be erected in the coming days and weeks.

Rails-to-Trails - Bob Richards
Nothing to report.

Reports by Regional Reps

East TN Regional Report - Levonn Hubbard - absent; submitted report

Participated in the GET naming ceremony for Chattanooga as the first trail town on the GET. Originator of 2 articles in our local paper abt the GET. The latest: <http://crossville-chronicle.com/features/x405450705/Swanson-Houck-the-first-to-complete-the-Great-Eastern-Trail>. Hosted the GET thru hikers at my home. Attended the GET BOD mtg (all day). Participated in several mtgs of the TTA Annual mtg committee. Member of the newly created Financial Advisory Committee for CTC. Recently added as a member of the Personnel Committee for CTC.

Middle TN – Nora Beck

In touch with Margaret Matens (Friends of South Cumberland State Natural Area) who has asked that TTA chapters in support of the Trails & Trillium event in 2014 co-partner and lead hikes in or close by the SCSNA area – this would be a benefit to TTA; i.e. added cross-promoting and visibility, and obtaining new members. Date for Trails & Trillium 2014 event has not been determined. Communicating with Gwen Ware of the Livingston TN Chamber of Commerce to coordinate a date, time, location for TTA to participate in a local event for promoting hiking, and the possibility of developing a chapter in the area. Passed along a 30-minute DVD "Short Hikes of the South Cumberland State Natural Area." Makes a great brief program for a chapter meeting.

Reports by Chapter Officers

Clarksville– J.R. Tate – absent; submitted report.

We are managing to hold our own, keeping to our hike schedule in spite of the heat. Our annual picnic on June 29th at Dunbar Cave was a great success, with several "strangers" showing up and asking for information about our Chapter. Also, we participated in Clarksville's YMCA Wellness Day on May 18th and will participate in the Outing Day at the new Liberty Park on August 24th, with a display booth.

Columbia/Franklin– Marvin Caine - absent; submitted report.

Membership remains at around 30. At our June meeting we planned activities for the 2nd half of 2013. Two hikes or other events were planned for each month. Another joint hike with the Murfreesboro chapter has been planned for September. Included in the activities were a Mammoth Cave Tour, a canoe trip on the Caney Fork River and a survival skills program in addition to a number of hikes. Another Smokies Weekend has been planned for a weekend in November. We are planning to build another bridge over the creek at Stillhouse Hollow Falls State Natural Area. Workdays are scheduled for August, September and November.

Cove Lake– John Redmon - absent; submitted report.

Cove Lake has 20 members on their email list with about 10 active members as of July 2013. The chapter tries to have one trail maintenance day a month working on a section of the Cumberland Trail that runs from Devils Racetrack to Tank Springs averaging about 4 hours a month. We try to have 2 hikes a month but unfortunately the weather has not been co-operating and most of our hikes have had to be canceled due to high humidity or rain this summer.

Highland Rim– Linda Hudson.

Joan Hartvigson is keeping everyone active on the trails and on streams. Have plans for an upcoming Frozen Head State Park car camping weekend in September.

Jackson– Vicky Moeller

Nothing to report; not hiking in the hottest months.

Memphis– Charlie Bright – absent.

Nothing to report; not hiking in the hottest months.

Murfreesboro– Sara Pollard - absent; submitted report.

Our chapter had hikes at Scott's Gulf near Sparta and the Walls of Jericho with other chapter members joining us. We also had a joint activity with the Highland Rim chapter which was a camping and hiking trip in the Smokies. This included a day hike to Mt. LeConte. We had one hike planned in July – a moderate hike at Radnor Lake in Nashville with lunch afterwards. Our hike planning meeting was in May. Hikes were planned for July through December. It was decided not to schedule hikes in August due to heat concerns during the month. We plan to do a joint hike/camping trip with the Plateau chapter in the fall to include Fran Wallas' hikes in West Tennessee. Our meetings have been well attended and we've had visitors at every one, including our annual picnic in June. Bob Goodwin did a presentation in July on his trip to Panama. We have five new members and hope to increase our membership in the fall with some good beginner hikes. A few from our chapter have signed up for the TTA annual meeting and it's on the agenda at every chapter meeting to encourage members to sign up early. Our monthly meetings have generally been well attended and interesting programs have been planned for the remainder of the year.

Nashville– Doug Burroughs

Eleven day hikes were scheduled during the quarter – from local (Radnor Lake State Natural Area, Downtown Nashville) to more distant (Backpacking on the Foothills Trail in South Carolina). Several hikes were canceled due to lack of participation. Chapter Meeting / Events: Rick Lausten, Columbia-Franklin Chapter, presentation about his hike on the Coast-to-Coast trail in northern England. A presentation by Ron Clendening, geologist with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation about the geology of Tennessee. The Nashville

Chapter's annual picnic at Edwin Warner Park. The Nashville Chapter continues to complete the production and mailing of the TTA Newsletter. Hikes had been included on REI's monthly newsletter and website; new format requires hike descriptions, start and stop times to be submitted to REI's Outdoor Programs & Outreach Market Coordinator on the 1st of the month and no less than 30-60 days before the 1st.

Plateau- Cheryl Heckler

Our membership has been holding steady at 68. We have enjoyed our regular weekly Wednesday hikes and at least two Saturday per month hikes. One of the Saturday hikes in May was a joint hike with East TN Chapter. In place of a program our May Chapter meeting was dinner at Cumberland Mountain State Park restaurant. We do not schedule a chapter meeting for June & July. A trail maintenance day was scheduled in May before the summer heat to trim back briars on top of Brady Mountain. Several members have been working with Tony on developing the new CTC Black Mountain trail section. Our chapter received a TTA grant to repair the steps on the Black Mountain hike. Due to several of our members working on the new CTC Black Mountain trail section from windless cave to Hwy 68 we have not started on that project yet. Our chapter scheduled a National Trails Day hike on the CTC Black Mountain trail from the top down to Hwy 68 including the new section. There was a short section of the new trail that was not completed, but the hike leader had trimmed back the briars making it passable. Received the \$600 Evan Means Grant check for a trail project on Black Mountain from TTA - thank you TTA.

Soddy Daisy-- John Politte

Chapter membership is at 33 individuals per June 2013 TTA report. April meeting speaker, Lisa Huff (State of Tennessee) discussed native grass emergence in old Bowater loblolly pine plantations. During the second quarter the chapter conducted about 25 hikes (Tuesdays and Saturdays). We have participated in 7 meetings with the Plateau Chapter in planning the 2013 annual TTA meeting. We hosted a National Trails Day hike at the Chattanooga Greenway. We had a few interested visitors but no new members were recruited. The Soddy Creek suspension bridge materials are currently being moved into the gorge where a bridge will be erected in the coming days and weeks.

Sumner Trails- Co-Chairs- Jane Hamm and Gayle Livingston; submitted report.

New co-chairs Gayle Livingston and Jane Hamm relieved former chairs Shirley and David Primeau as of July 1. Our chapter is most grateful for Shirley and David's leadership and their tireless efforts to promote Sumner Trails. We hope to keep their high standard of organization and dedication and are working hard to do so. This past month we have been forming new committees to help make our chapter responsive to upcoming needs and communications. We are excited and look forward to working together. Our membership is approximately 40 members. Rick Lausten of the Columbia-Franklin TTA chapter was our guest speaker for our May chapter meeting. Rick completed the 192 mile Coast-to-Coast hike in England in the fall of 2012. He hiked from the Irish Sea to the North Sea and traveled through three of England's National Parks. We celebrated National Trails Day on June 1 by hiking the Hendersonville Greenway/Drakes Creek Trail with Vice Mayor Scott Sprouse and Sumner County Health Department representatives. We received great PR and newspaper coverage with a video link showing our group of 50+ participants. We plan to make this hike an annual event inviting both the mayor's office and health department officials. Our June chapter meeting guest speaker was Dwight Barnett, Area Forester and Certified Arborist with the State of Tennessee. He has compiled four years of research regarding the socioeconomic benefits of green space. Dwight was very generous to share his review and results with us in document form. Contact Dwight for more information at Dwight.Barnett@tn.gov or 615-837-5552. We did not have a July chapter meeting due to the July 4th holiday. Sumner Trails consistently offer two to three hikes per month. Because we have a number of members who are available to hike during the week, we have decided to begin offering periodic weekday hikes. Our first such outing was to Radnor Lake which we enjoyed with a reduced number of weekday visitors.

Upper Cumberland- Louise Miniard; submitted report.

Our chapter has been hiking and kayaking this summer. Today (Aug 3), the chapter is meeting and scheduling hikes for the season. Comments received by members that our chapter's hikes are not visible on TTA's website calendar. (This can be rectified by our Webmaster by setting up an account for someone; i.e. hike coordinator; from the chapter to upload the hike information right onto the TTA Calendar. Millette Jones will request this set-up from the Webmaster.)

Old Business

Vice President Search Committee. Carolyn Miller.

No one has volunteered yet. Will run an ad in the upcoming newsletter.

Middle TN Regional Rep Search Committee. Nora Beck
No one interested; will run an ad in the upcoming newsletter.

Treasurer Search Committee.

Cathy Woods; a prospective candidate was present at today's meeting.

Update on Annual Meeting – Cheryl Heckler

Theme: "My Heart and Sole is on Tennessee Trails." We have had monthly organizational meetings with Soddy Daisy Chapter in planning the 2013 Annual meeting for October 25-27 at Fall Creek Falls State Park. All things were planned by the June meeting that we don't have another meeting scheduled until September. We have placed in the TTA Newsletter and posted on the TTA website the lodging information, registration, hike list, schedule, and a commemorative T-shirt order form. There will be the traditional Bake Sale, White Elephant Sale, Silent Auction and Live Auction during the annual meeting. The item donation forms are on the TTA website and have been sent to the Chapter Chairs. The Live Auction items will be limited top items to keep the timeframe where attendees won't leave before it is complete. We will also have door prizes to encourage attendees to stay to the end. In addition to hikes we have 4 non-hiker programs scheduled for Saturday: Wild Flowers and Native TN Plants – 9:30 am, When 911 Is Not The Answer – 11:00 am, Leave No Trace – 1:30 pm, Our Fine Feathered Friends – 3:00 pm. One scheduled hike at 8:30 am will include Bird Watching (which have been favorable received by members). We have 53 registrations so far. An evening of musical entertainment with Bobby Fulcher. Shawn is the auctioneer – he was the same person from last year. Daytime programing scheduled for Saturday have been favorably received.

Update on Plateau Chapter's request to open 2013 Evan Means Grant application to CTC – Bob Richards

Within days of the last TTA Board Meeting, Cheryl Heckler and Millette Jones separately emailed Ray Garrett and Tony Hook to inform them of a special extension made to the CTC for applying for additional 2013 EM grant monies with a deadline of July 1, 2013 for filing an application to Bob Richards. As of July 1 nothing had been received; therefore, 2013 EM grant requests are closed and no longer available. All further grant applications will be considered for the 2014 monies and have a deadline of December 31, 2013 and must be submitted to Bob Richards.

New Business

American Hiking Society – Millette Jones

In the past TTA has been an "Organizational" member of the American hiking Society. The AHS is a network of trail groups, hiking clubs, land trusts and other organizations working to promote and protect hiking trails, trail lands, and the hiking experience. As a member, TTA/CTC is eligible to receive grants from the National Trails Fund; in addition, a participant in hosting Volunteer Vacation crews for trail projects. The membership fee is \$75 per year. Motion by Don Dresser to approve this expenditure; seconded by Carolyn Miller.

Evan Means Grant Fund – Bob Richards

Board discussed EM grant application process and confirmed that the existing procedures are excellent. The Board of Directors unanimously agreed that Bob is doing a stellar job and would like him to continue overseeing the EM grants.

TTA Website Redesign – Millette Jones

Reconfirmed members of the website committee; they are: Millette Jones, Don Dresser, Bob Richards, Charlie Bright, Tim Townley. Spoke with KMT Website Designers who designed the ConnectWithTN.com website for input and ballpark costs to design the TTA website. Too steep; like \$10-12,000. Therefore, the Committee and Board need to identify what the website should look like and what it should offer. Board members have been asked to review each page of the TTA website; provide feedback and/or samples of other websites' pages for ideas. Deadline for feedback is August 31. Board members can submit feedback to any one or all of the committee. Tim will query membership to get input on redesign. CTC has been going through a redesign process and has a "developing webpage site" URL. With CTC's approval this URL will be circulated to the TTA Board for review; Carolyn Miller to follow-up.

TTA Annual Awards Committee – Millette Jones

A committee was formed to review nominations for TTA's Annual Awards. The committee thus far consists of: Don Dresser and Diane Manas. Others invited to participate. To date, there are no nominations. August's newsletter has an announcement calling for nominations. TTA's Awards are: **Tennessee Trails Award**. This award is presented for outstanding contributions to the Association or for the furtherance of trails and natural resource programs and opportunities within Tennessee. **Bill Stutz Award**. The Association gives this award in

honor of the late Bill Stutz, past TTA member and beloved hiker. Any chapter (or voting member) can make a nomination to the Board for the recipient of this award. The award is to be presented to an active hiker for his or her individual contribution to the Association or one its chapters. **Bob Brown Lifetime Achievement Award.** The Board of Directors of the Association established this award to honor the extraordinary lifetime leadership and personal contributions of Bob Brown to hiking and conservation in the State of Tennessee. The Board may give a Bob Brown Award from time to time to others for lifetime leadership and contributions that it finds equally extraordinary.

TTA Logo Merchandise Pricing – Nora Beck

Quickly reviewed pricing of TTA logo-related items and the pricing is on par so no need to change the prices.

Dates for future TTA meetings

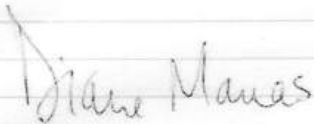
October 26, 2013 (Evening Membership Meeting) Fall Creek Falls State Park (Spencer, TN)
October 27, 2013 (Morning Board Meeting). Fall Creek Falls State Park (Spencer, TN)

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Carolyn Miller; seconded by Tim Townley. Meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Submitted by:

Diane Manas

Secretary, Tennessee Trails Association



Attachments



TTA Membership Report

3rd Quarter 2013

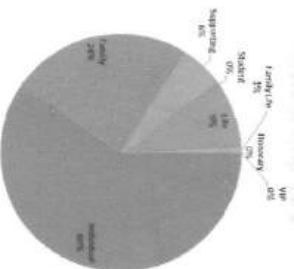
Tim Townley – Membership Dir.

TTA Membership Report – Q3 2013

Date	Total	Individual	Family	Supporting	Student	Life	Family Life	Honorary	VIP
Jan-12	539	320	112	31	2	51	4	0	0
Feb-12	564	256	133	36	2	51	4	0	0
Mar-12	580	302	134	36	2	51	5	0	0
Apr-12	583	303	134	37	3	51	5	0	0
May-12	573	345	136	34	2	51	5	0	0
Jun-12	564	354	145	36	2	52	5	0	0
Jul-12	560	347	138	37	2	53	5	0	0
Aug-12	573	345	137	34	1	51	5	0	0
Sep-12	563	345	144	37	1	51	5	0	0
Oct-12	568	348	146	37	1	51	5	0	0
Nov-12	591	349	147	38	1	51	5	0	0
Dec-12	591	353	137	37	1	51	5	0	0
Jan-13	594	358	138	37	1	51	5	0	0
Feb-13	590	350	139	40	1	51	5	0	0
Mar-13	586	350	139	40	1	51	5	0	0
Apr-13	573	343	138	36	0	51	5	0	0
May-13	576	352	132	34	0	51	5	0	0
Jun-13	575	354	133	32	0	51	5	0	0
Jul-13	584	364	137	37	0	51	5	0	0

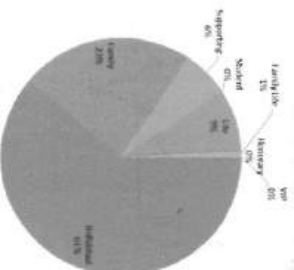
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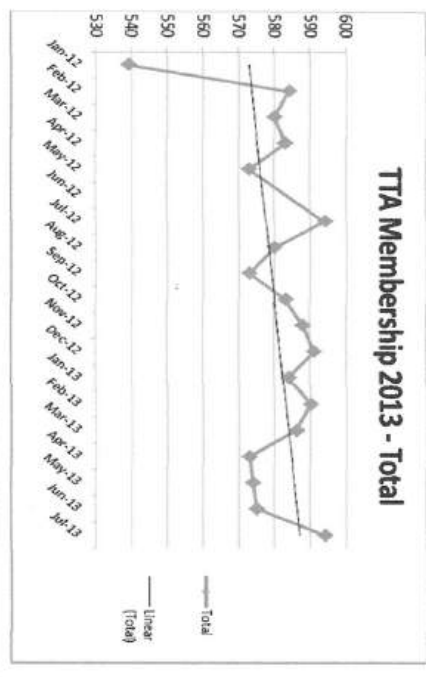


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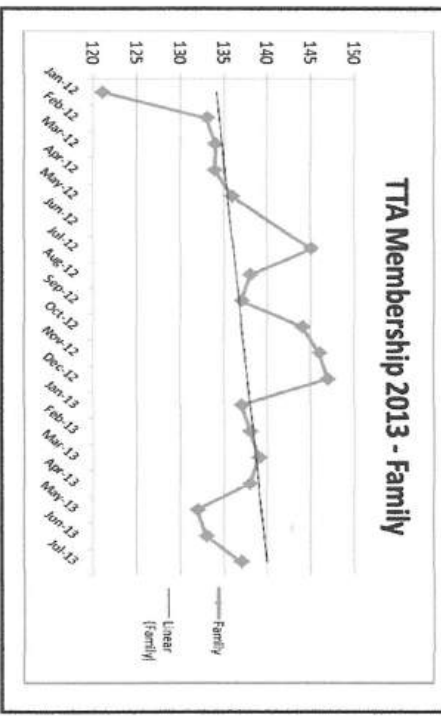
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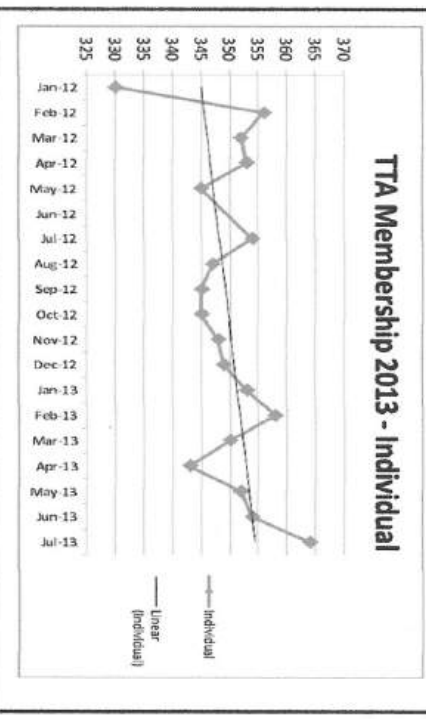
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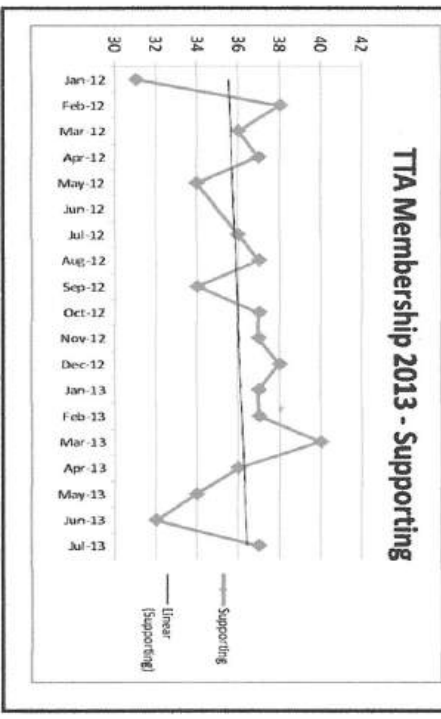
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**Summary of Accounts
as of June 30, 2013**

B.R.A.T. Checking(proceeds used for temp staffing & trail Development)	23,341.50
Checking (Main operating account)	83,482.10
Edward Jones Investment Account (Capital Campaign)	514,393.03
Fidelity Endowment Acct (Endowment Fund Set up by Paul Freeman & Janet Smith)	36,110.34
US Bank Money Market Account (Bob Brown Stewardship Fund)	<u>97,677.36</u>
Total Checking/Savings	755,004.33

Cumberland Trail Conference July 2013 Board Report

(January 1-June 30)

Report Date: July 8, 2013

Trail Construction

1. **Black Mountain, Cumberland County:** During the first six months of 2013, a CTC seasonal trail crew and volunteers continued working to complete the requirements of TDEC's HPP grant GR1238588. This grant is for the construction of the Cumberland Trail on the western slope of Black Mountain. Several trail construction events took place with volunteers from the University of Kansas, University of Tennessee, Team Green, Fair Field Glade Hiking Club, Cumberland Trail Conference members, and the Tennessee Trails Association. Members of the TTA's Plateau Chapter have especially been enthusiastic and of great assistance with this trail project. To date, 75% of the proposed trail has been completed. The grant contract will expire on January 31, 2015; this project will be completed within the required time. TDEC is administering this grant as a reimbursement grant; the CTC spends previously raised funds on items stipulated by the contract's budget, the CTC submits an invoice for the State's review, then the State reimburses the Conference. To date, all invoices for this grant have been paid. Additionally, the CTC has a 20% match requirement, which is \$41,000. Most of this match will be satisfied from the monetary value assigned for volunteer service. To date, there have been 1,517 In-Kind Hours donated.

2. **Graysville Mountain, Rhea County:** During the month of March and in May, CTC staff, university and college students, CTC members, and TTA volunteers continued the trail building effort in the Graysville Mountain section. The CTC's 16th annual *BreakAway* event was held in March. Students from the following schools participated:

Boston University	Rollins College
Centre College	University of Akron
Georgia Southern	University of Central Florida
Hamilton College	University of Michigan
Indiana State University	University of Pittsburgh
Indiana University of Pennsylvania	University of Tennessee
Michigan State University	

CTC and TTA volunteers also participated in the BA event as trail crew leaders and preparing meals for hungry volunteers. The *BreakAway* program was successful, CTC staff and volunteers constructed 10,904 feet of trail in 16 days. The new trail has been blazed, trail signs installed, and GPS data collected. Because sections of the trail were routed on existing OHV roads, the March event added 13,354 feet or 2.53 miles to the overall CTSST project. During the *BreakAway* program, volunteers donated 6,816 hours. One volunteer in particular was recognized for her tremendous volunteer support. Ms. Carol Hailey was given an embroidered fleece jacket to acknowledge her 2500 hours of volunteer service to the CT project.

In May, students from the University of Kansas, CTC staff, and volunteers constructed 2,823 feet from near Bluff View Road to Gilberth Creek. Volunteers were offered food and housing at a local camp that the CTC rented. Volunteers donated 584 hours.

Unlike the Black Mountain project, donated funds paid for the trail construction in the Graysville Mountain section. These funds were generated from student's registration fees, grants from Lyndhurst Foundation, Middle Tennessee Natural Gas, TTA Evan Means, and donations from the Nashville TTA Chapter gift-wrapping event and individuals.

3. Big Soddy Bridge Project, Hamilton County: CTC staff and volunteers continue to work on the bridge project. Bridge is to be completed by November 13, 2013. This bridge is being funded by a RTP grant, which also has a 20% match. To date, volunteers have donated 1,195 In-Kind hours.

Trail maintenance:

In first half of 2013, the Cumberland Trail Conference performed trail maintenance in several sections of the CTSST. This maintenance was accomplished by CTC staff, trail adoptees, and other volunteers. Maintenance included removing fallen trees, cutting back vegetation, repairing trail tread, installing trail signs, and reblazing trail when needed. This maintenance was performed in the New River, Frozen Head, Black and Brady Mountain, Graysville Mountain, the Three Gorges, and the North Chickamauga sections.

Marketing and Outreach:

CTC staff and volunteers attended several events to market the CTC and the Cumberland Trail project. At these events, an information booth was set-up to inform the public about the project and the need for volunteer support.

- Wilderness Wildlife Week, Pigeon Forge
- Chattanooga Outdoors Expo, Chattanooga
- Presentation National Obed Scenic River, Wartburg
- GET dedication, Chattanooga
- Volunteer Appreciation/New River Ceremony, FHSP Wartburg

Funding:

So far, in 2013, the CTC has not had a fundraising event. There has been no assistance or suggestions from the CTC Board's Fundraising Committee. Funds have been generated from HPP and RTP grants, other grants already mentioned in this report, membership dues, and individual donations. Additionally, the following grants were submitted:

1. Three HPP grants for Bird, Brady, and Crest of Black Mountains, grants pending TDEC approval
2. Lyndhurst Foundation grant, awaiting approval
3. American Hiking Society, grant denied
4. Wild Trails, Spring BreakAway, no response

-upcoming

2013 Cumberland Trail Conference Activities

The CTC needs volunteer help with trail construction and maintenance. Besides the events listed below, if groups of eight or more volunteers are interested in trail construction on Graysville Mountain in Rhea County or trail maintenance on Cross Mountain in Campbell County, please contact the CTC office (contact information listed below). Dates and times can be arranged for a volunteer event. CTC will provide tools and instruction, volunteers will need safety glasses, work gloves, long pants, closed toe footwear.

Big Soddy Creek Bridge, Hamilton County- CTC will need volunteers to help move material into the gorge and to construct the bridge. Volunteer opportunities will be available in late May through July 15 or until bridge is completed. Dates will be posted in the near future.

September 27-29, Graysville Mountain, Rhea County- This is the CTC's National Public Lands Day event. Volunteers are needed to construct trail on the Graysville Mountain section of the Cumberland Trail. This section is located near Graysville, south of Dayton, TN. CTC will provide tools and instruction, volunteers will need safety glasses, work gloves, long pants, closed toe footwear. Please contact the CTC office for details and register for this event.

October 4-6, Cross Mountain, Campbell County- CTC will need volunteers to help with trail maintenance in the CT's New River section. Work will be on Cross Mountain near Cove Lake State Park, Caryville, TN. This work includes repair of trail tread and cutting back vegetation. Volunteers will meet at the trailhead on the top of Cross Mountain at 9:00 AM ET. CTC will provide tools and instruction, volunteers will need safety glasses, work gloves, long pants, closed toe footwear. For further details and register for this event, please contact the CTC office.

November 9, Volunteer Appreciation Day, Crossville, TN- Past and present Cumberland Trail volunteers and supporters are invited to a dinner and awards banquet to be held in Crossville, TN. A hike will take place on Black Mountain during the day with the banquet to follow. For more details and to RSVP, please contact the CTC office.

CTC office can be contacted at 409 Thurman Ave, Suite 102, Crossville, TN 38555, 931-456-6259, or email Cumberlandtrail@rocketmail.com

Cumberland Trail Conference

Profit & Loss

July through September 2013

Jul - Sep 13

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

CTC Operations

CTC Membership Dues	436.00
Individual Donations	4,055.00
Internal Board Giving	500.00
Pay Pal	324.93
Reimbursed Expenses	994.00
TTA Donations	900.00
Total CTC Operations	7,209.93

Programs

BreakAway 2014	135.00
Total Programs	135.00

Total Income

7,344.93

Gross Profit

7,344.93

Expense

Awards - CTC / Special Purpose	322.08
Insurance	
Workers' Compensation Insurance	549.00
Total Insurance	549.00

Office

Marketing

Decals, Hats, Patches, etc.,	292.38
Outreach Events/Fees	200.00
Total Marketing	492.38

Postage and Delivery	298.49
Printing and Reproduction	298.05
Rent	1,950.00
Software & Office Equip.	449.92
Supplies	288.74
Telephone	504.63
Utilities	
Electricity	313.72
Natural Gas	169.31
Total Utilities	483.03

Total Office

4,765.24

Payroll Expenses

2009 East Joe met
 Middle Nora
 Graydon
 West
 2010 East Rosemary
 Middle Nora
 Graydon
 West
 2011 Middle TN
 2012 West Graydon
 2013 East

Cumberland Trail Conference
Profit & Loss
 July through September 2013

	<u>Jul - Sep 13</u>
Medical Benefits	3,690.17
Mileage	0.00
Officer Salary	11,091.99
Payroll Tax	2,690.95
Retirement Benefits	3,447.22
Staff Salary Expense	23,902.10
Payroll Expenses - Other	0.00
Total Payroll Expenses	<u>44,822.43</u>
Professional Fees	
Accounting	4,600.00
Total Professional Fees	<u>4,600.00</u>
Trail Acquisition	
Land Acquisition	
Soak Creek Project	11,045.68
Total Land Acquisition	<u>11,045.68</u>
Total Trail Acquisition	11,045.68
Trail Development/Maintenance	
CTC Vehicle Expense(Maint)	62.54
Food	590.12
Fuel	1,268.59
Grant Contracts	
HPP-W. Slope Blk Mtn. GR1238588	
Capital Purchase	2,242.88
Supplies, Equip. Rental & Maint	1,681.82
HPP-W. Slope Blk Mtn. GR1238588 - Other	-32,394.87
Total HPP-W. Slope Blk Mtn. GR1238588	<u>-28,470.17</u>
RTP-Big Soddy Bridge Project	
Capital Purchase	5,456.71
Equipment Rental & Maint.	909.64
RTP-Big Soddy Bridge Project - Other	-9,449.36
Total RTP-Big Soddy Bridge Project	<u>-3,083.01</u>
Total Grant Contracts	-31,553.18
Lodging	1,680.00
Tools & Supplies	409.04
Total Trail Development/Maintenance	<u>-27,542.89</u>
Total Expense	<u>38,561.54</u>

Cumberland Trail Conference**Profit & Loss**

July through September 2013

Jul - Sep 13

Net Ordinary Income	-31,216.61
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	62.55
Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	362.29
Total Other Income	<u>424.84</u>
Net Other Income	<u>424.84</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-30,791.77</u></u>

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Cumberland Trail Conference

Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2013

Sep 30, 13

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Checking	86,564.11
Edward Jones Investment Account	
Bank Hapoalim 11/8/13	90,000.00
Bank of Baroda 1/7/14	90,000.00
Bank of Baroda2 8/22/13	75,000.00
GE Capital Retail Bank 5/30/14	75,000.00
Mizuho Corp USA CD 1/2/14	50,000.00
Money Market Acct-Edward Jones	123,440.46
Total Edward Jones Investment Account	503,440.46

Fidelity Endowment Acct	36,770.10
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US Bank Money Market Account	97,716.52
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Total Checking/Savings	724,491.19
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Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable	-13,717.75
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Total Accounts Receivable	-13,717.75
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Total Current Assets	710,773.44
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Fixed Assets

Equipment

Accumulated Depreciation	-11,142.54
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Equipment	11,142.54
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Total Equipment	0.00
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Total Fixed Assets	0.00
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TOTAL ASSETS	710,773.44
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

Payroll Liabilities	2,122.82
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Retirement Benefits	-2,986.05
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Total Other Current Liabilities	-863.23
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Total Current Liabilities	-863.23
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Total Liabilities	-863.23
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**Cumberland Trail Conference
Balance Sheet**

As of September 30, 2013

Sep 30, 13

Equity

Temporarily Restricted Net Asset 691,180.00

Unrestricted Net Assets 138,809.47

Net Income -118,352.80

Total Equity 711,636.67

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

710,773.44

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Banking Summary - Last quarter

7/1/2013 through 9/30/2013

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Category	7/1/2013- 9/30/2013
INCOME	
CTC Membership Revenue	90.00
Interest Inc	0.28
Membership Dues	2,930.00
Merchandise Sales	6.00
Support	75.00
Web Income	146.25
TOTAL INCOME	3,247.53
EXPENSES	
Audit Costs	900.00
Evan Means Grants	600.00
Postage and Delivery	764.90
Postage Supplies	84.42
Printing and Reproduction	1,985.00
Stipend for Newsletter	150.00
Support Payments	75.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,559.32
OVERALL TOTAL	-1,311.79

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Net Worth - As of 9/30/2013

(Includes unrealized gains)

As of 9/30/2013

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Account	9/30/2013 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Regions - Jackson	18,943.54
REGIONS COMMERCIAL MONEY MARKE...	11,183.71
SMALL BUSINESS CD XX3362	9,041.77
SMALL BUSINESS CD XX3612	10,362.27
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	49,531.29
TOTAL ASSETS	49,531.29
LIABILITIES	
	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	49,531.29

TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S AUDIT REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
Tennessee Trails Association, Inc.
Crossville, Tennessee

Report on the Financial Statements
We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Tennessee Trails Association, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities, and expenses - cash basis as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related statements of support, revenue, and expenses - cash basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Tennessee Trails Association, Inc. as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the changes in its net assets for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

(Hughes & Gosnell CPA's)

August 26, 2014

TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION, INC.

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS
December 31, 2013 and 2012

	2013	2012
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 110,260	\$ 244,611
Investments	804,051	667,524
Accounts Receivable	11,943	12,202
Total Current Assets	926,254	924,337
Fixed Assets		
Fixed Assets	14,396	14,396
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(14,396)	(14,396)
Total Fixed Assets	0	0
	\$ 926,254	\$ 924,337
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Payroll Tax Withheld	\$ 346	\$ 1,609
Total Current Liabilities	346	1,609
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	187,774	323,548
Temporarily Restricted	738,134	599,180
Total Net Assets	925,908	922,728
	\$ 926,254	\$ 924,337

See accompanying notes.

TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION, INC.

STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT, REVENUE, AND EXPENSES - CASH BASIS
For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

	2013		
	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Temporarily Restricted</i>	TOTAL
Support and Revenue			
Contributions	\$ 67,599	\$ 150,000	\$ 217,599
Membership	16,935	0	16,935
State Contracts	95,971	0	95,971
B.R.A.T. Program	0	0	0
Other Program	22,211	0	22,211
Other Income	9,451	0	9,451
Investment Earnings	3,514	0	3,514
Net Asset Released From Restrictions			
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	11,046	(11,046)	0
Total Support and Revenue	226,727	138,954	365,681
Expenses			
Program Services	301,946	0	301,946
Management and General	49,779	0	49,779
Fundraising	10,776	0	10,776
Total Expenses	362,501	0	362,501
Change in Net Assets	(135,774)	138,954	3,180
Net Assets Beginning of Year	323,548	599,180	922,728
Net Assets End of Year	\$ 187,774	\$ 738,134	\$ 925,908

	2012		
	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Temporarily Restricted</i>	TOTAL
Support and Revenue			
Contributions	\$ 70,945	\$ 0	\$ 70,945
Membership	23,033	0	23,033
State Contracts	20,438	0	20,438
B.R.A.T. Program	29,000	0	29,000
Other Program	72,539	0	72,539
Other Income	18,686	0	18,686
Investment Earnings	2,413	0	2,413
Net Asset Released From Restrictions			
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	0	0	0
Total Support and Revenue	237,054	0	237,054
Expenses			
Program Services	249,726	0	249,726
Management and General	41,154	0	41,154
Fundraising	13,178	0	13,178
Total Expenses	304,058	0	304,058
Change in Net Assets	(67,004)	0	(67,004)
Net Assets Beginning of Year	390,552	599,180	989,732
Net Assets End of Year	\$ 323,548	\$ 599,180	\$ 922,728

See accompanying notes.

TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2013 and 2012

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF THE BUSINESS

Tennessee Trails Association, Inc. (the Association) was organized in August 1975 as a not-for-profit corporate entity. The Association's purpose is to promote and develop a system of hiking trails in the State of Tennessee, to provide opportunities for the enjoyment of these trails, and to educate membership and the general public as to the wise stewardship of the trails and outdoor areas. The Association consists of 13 local chapters, the state office, and an associate organization, the Cumberland Trail Conference.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. As such, revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned and expenses are recognized when paid rather than when obligations are incurred.

Net assets, revenues, expenses, gains and losses are classified based upon the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, the net assets of the Association and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted Net Assets - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may be met either by actions of the Association and/or the passage of time.

Permanently Restricted Net Assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Association. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the Association to use all or part of the income earned on related investments for general or specific purposes.

Name of Net Assets

The Association reports gifts of cash and other assets in restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Donor-restricted contributions whose restrictions are met in the same reporting period are reported as unrestricted support.

Donated Services/Gifts-in-Kind

The services of volunteer workers are not assigned a value, as no objective basis is available to measure the value of such services. The donations of equipment, the use of facilities and professional services are recorded at fair market value as gifts-in-kind if a measurable basis of the value exists. Donations of securities are recorded at fair market value on date of donation.

TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Income Taxes

The Association qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made in the financial statements. In addition, the Association is classified by the Internal Revenue Service as other than a private foundation.

Management Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Association considers cash, and all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less, including money market funds, to be cash equivalents.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Allocation of these costs are consistent with the prior year. See Note 5 for allocation.

NOTE 3 - INVESTMENTS

The Association records investments at fair market value. As of December 31, the Association held the following investments:

	2013	2012
Certificates of Deposit (CD's)	\$ 414,404	\$ 289,404
Money Market Accounts	201,971	110,572
Investment Accounts	187,676	267,548
	<u>\$ 804,051</u>	<u>\$ 667,524</u>

NOTE 4 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Equipment is recorded at cost or at the fair market value at the date of donation. Depreciation on equipment is calculated using the straight-line method over an estimated five year useful life.

Property and equipment consisted of the following:

	2013	2012
Equipment	\$ 14,396	\$ 14,396
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u><14,396></u>	<u><14,396></u>
	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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NOTE 5 - EXPENSES

Expenses were incurred as follows:

	2013			
	Program Services	Management and General	Endowments	TOTAL
Allocations	\$ 1,868	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,868
General Manager	28,678	10,242	2,049	40,969
Staff Wages	67,254	17,469	2,620	87,343
Payroll Taxes	7,502	1,949	292	9,743
Employee Benefits	25,668	9,166	1,833	36,667
Occupancy	7,330	2,618	523	10,471
Supplies	2,122	758	151	3,031
Telephone	1,889	675	135	2,699
B.R.A.T. Program	0	0	0	0
Mileage Reimbursement	1,562	0	0	1,562
Insurance	4,601	1,643	329	6,573
Trail Development	106,376	0	0	106,376
Audit	4,600	0	0	4,600
Conferences and Meetings	0	0	0	0
Postage	3,851	1,375	275	5,501
Printing	5,648	2,017	403	8,068
Advertising and Book Costs	0	0	1,793	1,793
Depreciation	0	0	0	0
Office	5,228	1,867	373	7,468
Miscellaneous	4,348	0	0	4,348
Chapter Expenses	23,421	0	0	23,421
	\$301,946	\$ 49,779	\$ 10,776	\$ 362,501

TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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2012

	Program Services	Management and General	Endowments	TOTAL
Allocations	\$ 1,484	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,484
General Manager	28,508	10,182	2,036	40,726
Staff Wages	51,927	13,487	2,023	67,437
Payroll Taxes	5,911	2,110	422	8,443
Employee Benefits	18,268	6,525	1,305	26,098
Occupancy	6,367	2,274	454	9,095
Supplies	562	201	40	803
Telephone	1,037	371	74	1,482
B.R.A.T. Program	29,000	0	0	29,000
Mileage Reimbursement	1,603	0	0	1,603
Insurance	4,515	1,612	322	6,449
Trail Development	42,762	0	0	42,762
Audit	4,650	0	0	4,650
Conferences and Meetings	12,175	0	0	12,175
Postage	4,761	1,700	340	6,801
Printing	4,724	1,687	337	6,748
Advertising and Book Costs	0	0	5,624	5,624
Depreciation	237	0	0	237
Office	2,814	1,005	201	4,020
Miscellaneous	2,448	0	0	2,448
Chapter Expenses	25,973	0	0	25,973
	\$ 269,726	\$ 41,154	\$ 13,178	\$ 304,058

NOTE 6 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Association entered into a lease agreement, effective November 15, 1999, for the purpose of renting office space for the associate organization. The lease agreement, which previously included the cost of utilities, was renegotiated on March 16, 2006, and reduced from \$500 to \$400 per month from that date to January 15, 2007, with CTC assuming responsibility for its own cost of utilities. Rent is being continued on a month-by-month basis. The Association continues to rent in the same building in another office at \$600 per month. Minimum future lease commitment, accordingly, is as follows:

	2013	2012
	\$ 7,200	\$ 7,200

TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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The Association entered into an agreement with The Conservation Fund (TCF) to purchase 5,000 acres of Bower property in Hamilton County, Tennessee. The Association's Cumberland Trail Conference (CTC) submitted and obtained approvals of grants to federal and Tennessee State Agencies in order to reimburse TCF. As of December 31, 2006, 4,500 acres were paid for with federal and state grant money matched by private funds raised by CTC. Purchase of the remaining 500 acres is on hold, pending completion of a Bower donation.

NOTE 7 - OTHER NEGOTIATIONS

Other negotiations among Bowers representatives, Tennessee State Parks, and CTC involve approximately 3,732 acres in Hamilton County segments of the trail.

NOTE 8 - TRANSACTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND ITS AFFILIATES

	2013		Cumberland Trail Conference	
	Tennessee Trails Conference	Chester	Tennessee Trails Conference	Tennessee Trails Conference
Support and Revenue				
Contributions	\$ 620	\$ 25,602	\$ 41,377	\$ 67,599
Membership	14,150	0	2,785	16,935
State Contracts	0	0	95,971	95,971
B.R.A.T. Program	0	0	0	0
Other Program Revenues	0	0	22,211	22,211
Other Income	8,741	0	710	9,451
Investment Earnings	1	0	3,513	3,514
Lynchburg Grant	0	0	150,000	150,000
	<u>23,512</u>	<u>25,602</u>	<u>316,567</u>	<u>365,681</u>
Expenses				
Program Services	21,978	23,421	256,547	301,946
Management and General	0	0	49,779	49,779
Fundraising	0	0	10,776	10,776
	<u>21,978</u>	<u>23,421</u>	<u>317,102</u>	<u>362,501</u>
Support and Revenue Over Expenses	<u>\$ 1,534</u>	<u>\$ 2,181</u>	<u>\$ <534></u>	<u>\$ 3,180</u>

TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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	2012		Cumberland Trail Conference	
	Tennessee Trails Conference	Chester	Tennessee Trails Conference	Tennessee Trails Conference
Support and Revenue				
Contributions	\$ 897	\$ 16,752	\$ 53,296	\$ 70,945
Membership	17,062	0	3,971	23,033
State Contracts	0	0	20,438	20,438
B.R.A.T. Program	0	0	29,000	29,000
Other Program Revenues	0	0	72,539	72,539
Other Income	16,939	0	1,747	18,686
Investment Earnings	129	0	2,284	2,413
	<u>35,027</u>	<u>16,752</u>	<u>185,275</u>	<u>237,054</u>

Expenses				
Program Services	27,497	25,972	196,257	249,726
Management and General	0	0	41,154	41,154
Fundraising	0	0	13,178	13,178
	<u>27,497</u>	<u>25,972</u>	<u>250,589</u>	<u>304,058</u>
Support and Revenue Over Expenses	<u>\$ 7,530</u>	<u>\$ <9,220></u>	<u>\$ <65,314></u>	<u>\$ <67,004></u>