

APPROVED Aug 2, 2014

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Attached PDF of minutes of 5/10/14 mtg

From: Carolyn Miller <cardan@frontiernet.net>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2014 6:12 AM
To: Donna and Ed Pyers; Graydon Swisher; Carolyn Miller; Diane Manas; Don Dresser; LouAnn Partington; Levonn Hubbard; Kathy Woods; Nora Beck; Rosemary Marshall; Tim Townley; CTC rep TTA Board; TRAC rep TTA Board; Highland Rim Chapter; Columbia/Franklin Chapter; Murfreesboro Chapter; Dyer County Chapter; Clarksville Chapter; Jackson Chapter; Memphis Chapter; Cove Lake Chapter; East Tennessee Chapter; Upper Cumberland Chapter; Plateau Chapter; Sumner Chapter; Soddy Daisy Chapter; Northwest Chapter; Nashville Chapter; Big South Fork Chapter; Naullain Kendrick
Cc: Bruce and Gena Whitehead; Neal Richardson; Gary Ruetenik; Lionel Senseney
Subject: Summary of May 10 Board meeting and Update from May 18 meeting with Cumberland Trail State Park Manager
Attachments: Summary of the May 10 Special Called Board Meeting.pdf

Dear Board members,

I appreciate your willingness to serve TTA as a chapter chair or officer.

You may have received the some of the same angry e-mails that I received.

These e-mails have caused me great stress and I have had moments of weakness and had doubts as to whether we should pursue the completion of the Cumberland Trail through a committee of TTA.

However, we are making progress and we need to focus on the goal of completing the Cumberland Trail.

Attached is a summary of the May 10 in a PDF format, as the minutes will not be approved until the next TTA board meeting. We had some good discussion and decided what needed to be done to move forward and also some next steps.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Miller
TTA President
home: 931-839-3213
mobile: 931-260-6674

We discussed how we got here, working relationship and upcoming trails projects. A written document of the discussions will be prepared and distributed.

The committee understands that the next challenge is to communicate with TTA members and CTC members. We will compose a letter to share with the joint membership. *done on 6/2/14*

Those who attended the meeting are founding members. We will need assistance from others as we work through this process.

We will be asking for all members interested in the Cumberland Trail to continue with their support in whatever manner they chose.

The May 10 meeting also gave us the task of handling the financial accounts. I have received a couple of e-mails asking about the status of the CTC money.

Here is my understanding of TTA's financial responsibility:

For background, TTA formed the the associate organization, CTC in 1998. CTC has been operating as Tennessee Trails Association, dba Cumberland Trail Conference since that time.

It is TTA's 501C3 account under which CTC operated.

TTA has always had financial responsibility for the monies donated to CTC. We intend to manage those monies in a fiscally responsible manner. Monies donated for a particular project or objective cannot be repurposed unless granted permission from the person or organization that donated the money.

We have a very efficient Treasurer, Kathy Woods, and she is working with Marleya Pendleton in the management of the CTC accounts. TTA will also need to review any contracts and grants to assure that we have fulfilled our contractual obligations.

Again, I thank the TTA board members for their service.

If you are starting to feel overwhelmed as I have, please ask for assistance from your chapter members. Most of my chapter members have been supportive of our action.

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May 10 mtg

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

PROJECT: TTA SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING
MEETING ROOM: THE DEPOT
CITY: CROSSVILLE, TN

Date: 10-May-14
Time: 9:30 - 2:30

PRINT NAME	ORGANIZATION	ADDRESS	PHONE	EMAIL
1. Carolyn Miller	TTA			
2. Levonn Hubbard	TTA			
3. Gary Ruetenik	TTA			
4. Donna Pyers	TTA			
5. Ed Pyers	TTA			
6. Margaret Haun	TTA CTC			
7. Bruce Whitehead	TTA			
8. LARRY T. Hill	TTA/CTC			
9. Jim HARDY	CTC			
10. Nora Beck	TTA			
11. Linda Hudson	TTA			
12. Millette Jones	TTA			
13. Bob Richards	TTA Life Member			
14. Don Taylor	TTA			
15. Del Trett	TTA			
16. Linda Hixon	CTC			
17. Rosemary Marshall	TTA			

→ what became of his petition email
RES for Bill Haslam to investigate
the role TDEC officials had in
influencing TTA to dissolve the CTC

Sent: Monday, May 12, 2014 9:50 PM
To: Carolyn
Subject: Revised minutes

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From: Carolyn Miller <cardan@frontiernet.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2014 5:45 AM
To: Linda Hudson
Cc: Diane Manas
Subject: Re: Revised minutes

Linda,

Thanks for taking these.

Could you please correct some of the spellings of the names of the attendees based on the sign in sheet?

Could you please cut and paste the information into a word document and resend?

Once you have done this, I will be willing to send as I have all the e-mail addresses unless Diane has the time to send them.

I really appreciate your willingness to fill in for Diane and serve TTA.

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Meeting was adjourned at 2:05

Submitted by Linda Hudson