

**Tennessee Trails Association  
1st Quarter Board Meeting Minutes  
REI (Brentwood, TN)  
February 7, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. CST  
(Approved May 2, 2015)**

**PRESENT:** Carolyn Miller; Kathy Woods; Tim Townley; Nancy Juodenas; Bruce Whitehead; Kathy Tange-duPre; Don Dresser; Sandy Janus; Carolyn Watson; Rosemary Marshall; Naullain Kendrick; Sara Pollard; Doug Burroughs; Cheryl Heckler; Ed & Donna Pyers; Jane Hamm; Frank Jamison; Bob Richards.

**ABSENT:** Levonn Hubbard; Diane Manas; Graydon Swisher; Millette Jones; Sandy Janus; Vicky Moeller; Charlie Bright; Gayle Livingston; Louise Miniard.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Rob Weber; Mark Stanfill.

**Welcome and Introductions** – Carolyn Miller

The 1st Quarter Board Meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. Several reports were circulated by email to the Board prior to the meeting for pre-reviewing purposes; reports are included with these minutes. Introductions were made of those attending.

**Secretary's report** – Nancy Juodenas (for Diane Manas)

The 4th Quarter General Membership and Board Meeting Minutes (October 25 & 26, 2014) were circulated prior to the meeting for review. Motion to approve both the October 25 and 26 meeting minutes; with 1 change to the Membership Meeting minutes (in Upper Cumberland's report: from New Finland to Newfoundland); made by Tim Townley; seconded by Carolyn Miller.

**Treasurer's report** – Kathy Woods

A "2014 Budget vs Actual" financial report was circulated prior to meeting for review < attached >. A motion was made by Naullain Kendrick to approve the budget; seconded by Cheryl Heckler. Discussion to amend the Evan Means Small Grants budget by increasing it from \$3,000 to \$4,341. Don Dresser moved to approve the budget as amended; seconded by Naullain Kendrick; motion carried. A donation of \$100,000 was made to TTA to be used towards completing the Cumberland Trail. Discussion about "what if" CTC sells merchandise and the process for collecting and filing sales tax. It was decided to halt all merchandise sales (while CTC and TTA are still linked/affiliated).

**Membership report** – Tim Townley

A membership report was circulated prior to meeting < attached >. We have 508 members and 316 individuals. Tim will contact and promote TTA membership via Facebook to only those who "Like Us" and are not current TTA members. The new Membership Directory is done but is waiting to be printed. Chapter Officers received a listing of their members and are to cross check that their member information is correct. All changes are due to Tim on or before March 1.

**Reports by Regional Representatives**

**East TN Regional Representative** – Bruce Whitehead

Will explore opportunities for developing chapters in the northeast and in Oak Ridge, and report if this is possible.

**Middle TN Regional Representative** – Kathy Tange-DuPre

Nothing reported.

**West TN Regional Representative** – Graydon Swisher (absent)

Nothing reported.

**Reports by Chapter Chairs**

Chapters' reports were circulated prior to meeting and are as follows:

**Clarksville** – Sandy Janus

Nothing to report.

**Columbia/Franklin** – Carolyn Watson

Nothing to report.

**East TN** – Rosemary Marshall

As of Jan 1, we have 2 new members with a possibility of 4 more. Our chapter is the host for the 2015 Annual Meeting; details forthcoming.

**Highland Rim** – Naullain Kendrick

Members have enjoyed our great state of TN in the last three months. We have hiked in two state forests: Franklin State Forest and Prentice Cooper State Forest. We have conducted two joint hikes; one with Plateau chapter to Tims Ford SP and the other with Murfreesboro to Old Stone Fort SP on a post-Thanksgiving hike. We have hiked on Sunday afternoons at Short Springs SNA and Old Stone Fort SP. We have held family friendly outings such as; winter waterfalls outings to Rock Island SP, Burgess Falls SP and Cummings Falls SP, and tour of Tennessee Wildlife Refuge in New Johnsonville. Mary Priestly of the Sewanee Herbarium and TN Native Plant Society did a presentation on edible and medicinal plants in the area. We have held two work days at Short Springs SNA, which many of our members are also members to the Friends group there. We are involved in planning and designing a Bobo Creek bridge. We enjoyed the wonderful Christmas party at Tom Bentley's home and Annual Chilly Chili hike at the Poteets'.

**Jackson** – Vickt Moeller (Absent)

Nothing to report.

**Memphis** – Charlie Bright (Absent)

Nothing to report.

**Murfreesboro** – Sara Pollard

Attendance at our monthly meetings has been averaging twenty five and we had several visitors at our annual potluck in December. We planned hikes for January-June 2015 at our November meeting. Randy Hedgepath, State Naturalist was our speaker for January and distributed copies of the current State Park Passport booklet. We hiked two segments of the Cumberland Trail; a backpacking trip on the Cumberland Mountain segment and hiking the Signal Point segment to Highway 27. We also had hikes in Grundy Forest, Radnor Lake, and the Twin Forks trail in Murfreesboro. Several hikers attended the New Year's Day Hike at Edgar Evans State Park and the annual Chilly Chili hike in January. The Chilly Chili hike was on the new Caldwell Rim Trail in Sewanee. Chapter officers for 2015 are Sara Pollard, Chair; Ann Jacobs, Treasurer; Valerie Galan, Program Coordinator; Jennifer Zahn, Outings Coordinator. Our next hike planning meeting is May 12 and we'll plan hikes for July-December 2015.

**Nashville** – Doug Burroughs

Chapter membership is 88 as of January 2015. Chapter Officers for 2015 are Doug Burroughs, Chair & Secretary; June Parker, Treasurer (Amy Sutton is backup for June. Also, the chapter is in the process of changing to Pinnacle Bank for checking. Doug is rounding up the documents required); Nancy Juodenas, Hike Coordinator; Nora Beck, Programs; Libby Francis, Chapter Chair Emerita. The Nashville Chapter continues to meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at the REI store in Brentwood TN. Nine hikes were scheduled and published in the TTA Newsletter. Two monthly meetings were held at REI. Both presented photos and narratives of backpacking trips: a) Foothills Trail in South Carolina, and b) Rae Lakes Loop in the Sierra Nevada of California. The Nashville Chapter wrapped gifts at REI in December again. We raised \$507.71 for CTC Breakaway expenses. The Nashville Chapter continues to collate, label, fold, tab, stamp and mail out the printed copies of the TTA Newsletter each month. This process has been coordinated by Diane Manas. The weekend of October 24-26, the Nashville Chapter, along with the Sumner Trails Chapter, organized and hosted the TTA Annual Meeting at Montgomery Bell State Park < financial reporting attached >.

**Plateau** – Cheryl Heckler

Our membership has been holding steady at 55. We enjoyed the weekly Wednesday hikes and at two Saturday monthly hikes. One of the Saturday hikes in November was a joint hike with Highland Rim Chapter. Our meeting program for this quarter was Colorado Trail by chapter member, John Wigington. We enjoyed our annual Christmas Party in December. Elections were held in November, and the 2015 officers for Plateau Chapter are: Cheryl Heckler, Chair & Membership; Bill Quattrociocchi & Jim Lamb, Treasurer; Bill Harris with assistants Jim Lamb, Howard Owens, Bruce Whitehead, Wednesday Hike Coordinator; Sigrun Brickle, Saturday Hike Coordinator; Marcy Tucker, Programs; Carolyn Miller, TTA Newsletter; Jim McCullough, Local Newspaper; Bill Quattrociocchi, Blogmaster; Linda Barclay, Social Events. The profit from selling the 2015 calendars was \$140. Our members wanted a chapter t-shirt which we have a profit of \$48 and a small inventory of assorted sizes or for new members to buy.

**Soddy Daisy** – Ed & Donna Pyers; co-chairs

2015 Officers: Bob McGavock, Treasurer; George Bonneau, Hiking Coordinator. Chapter membership at 29. During the first quarter the chapter conducted over 24 hikes (Sat. & Tues.). Five members will attend the 24th Wilderness Wildlife Week at Pigeon Forge (Jan. 24th-27th). Chapter quarter meeting will be held Feb. 10th. The first Tuesday after the TTA quarterly meeting. Chapter annual Dinner will be held Feb. 19th at 6:30PM.

**Sumner Trails** – Jane Hamm & Gayle Livingston; co-chairs

Our November chapter meeting guest speaker was Tim Takas, author of The City by the Lake: A History of Hendersonville, Tennessee 1780-1969. Tim shared the role of the Cumberland River, Old Hickory Lake and Drakes Creek in the history of the area. He researched and displayed pictures of old maps of Hendersonville and Sumner County. He also discussed the history of Hazel Path Mansion, Rock Castle and the slave cemetery at Windward Point. Tim's presentation was a preview to our history hike scheduled later that month. In December we celebrated at our Christmas party and chapter meeting at Greyfeather Grill in Galletin. We had a wonderful evening, terrific food, and a huge member turnout. It is always a nice surprise to visit with several members we had not seen for a while. Sally Ticaric, our event planner did a great job!! For our January meeting, bird enthusiast Danny Shelton presented his film "A Year with Birds". Danny explains how birds change season to season as some fly hundreds or even thousands of miles from other countries to visit Tennessee each year. Diverse habitats from the Mississippi River to the Great Smoky Mountains provided the backdrop for the film. Danny and his daughter combined their talents to create stunning cinematography enhanced by beautiful musical score. This program is a must see!! Our membership remains at approximately 40 individual and family units. Sumner Trails usually offers two hikes per month. We anticipate that this number will increase in the spring.

**Upper Cumberland** – Louise Miniard (Absent)

Nothing to report.

**Reports by Associate Organizations**

**Cumberland Trails Conference** – Rob Weber

Rob presented CTC's Dec 6, 2014 Board Meeting minutes and CTC's Jan 15, 2015 CTC/TTA Reorganization Plan (with plans, timeline and framework). < Dec 6 meeting minutes and Jan 15 plan are attached > CTC elected new board members recently; Jan 24. CTC is seeking reorganization and at the same time filing of a separate 501c3 non-profit membership organization status. Of course, CTC would continue to retain some sort of relationship with TTA. Don Dresser reminded the board that a vote will be required by TTA for the CTC to commence the 501c3 application process. Allowing CTC to pursue a 501c3 designation would create two legal entities; one TTA; the other CTC; thus making both entities more efficient.

**Motion:** Don Dresser made the motion that TTA authorizes Rob Weber and Frank Jamison to create a new Tennessee non-profit corporation, and to seek Section 501(c) status for that corporation; and that TTA will cooperate with Rob Weber and Frank Jamison and the new corporation to spin off assets of the Cumberland Trail Conference to that new corporation on terms and conditions to which TTA and the new corporation mutually agree; and that, as needed and requested by the new corporation for the payment of start-up expenses, TTA authorizes a loan of as much as \$5,000 to that corporation, to be repaid at the time of the spin-off.

**Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>** by Bruce Whitehead.

**Further discussion:** There will be a need for a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to be presented to the membership, after approval by the board which would specify what needs to happen as far as working together and the transfer of funds. Everyone was asked to read up on the by-laws.

**Motion carried** unanimously.

**TRAC** – Bob Richards

Nothing reported.

**New Business**

**Evan Means Grants** – Bob Richards

Six applications were received for Evan Means Small Fund Grants. Just before the Board met Bob circulated a synopsis about each application received < attached >.

TN Parks and Greenways Foundation requested \$2,500 to acquire 13 acres next Beaman Park called Blueberry Hill. The request died due to a lack of a motion.

TTA Highland Rim chapter requested \$2,500 for building a suspension bridge over Bobo Creek at Short Springs SNA. Carolyn Miller made the motion to approve \$1,000 (of the \$2,500 requested). Seconded by Bruce

Whitehead. Motion carried.

Watershed Association of the Tellico Reservoir (WATeR) requested \$1,340 to buy materials for trail info and signage. Rosemary Marshall made the motion to approve \$1,340. Seconded by Don Dresser. Motion carried.

TTA Plateau chapter requested \$635 for Uplands Village to buy metal trail markers in 4 colors at 100 pieces per color. Motion by Carolyn Miller to approved \$250 (of the \$635 requested). Seconded by Naulain Kendrick. Motion carried.

CTC requested \$720 for website support to help with monthly maintenance costs. Carolyn Miller made the motion to approve \$720; seconded by Kathie Tange-duPre. Motion carried.

CTC requested \$1,000 to help defray the cost of housing for 2015 Spring BreakAway event. Kathy Woods made the motion to approve \$1,000; seconded by Sara Pollard; motion carried.

**National Trails Day Events (Sat, June 6)** – Bob Richards

**Donation to TTA to be applied to the completion of the Cumberland Trails** – Carolyn Miller

**2015 Annual Meeting Update** – Rosemary Marshall

The meeting will be at the Tremont Lodge and Resort in Townsend TN over the weekend of Nov 13, 14 & 15. A room with 2 queen beds is \$69, while the deluxe (newly renovated) rooms will be \$85. There are two campgrounds. All meals will be catered; \$11 for Friday dinner; \$12 for Saturday dinner; \$9 for breakfast on Saturday & Sunday; sack lunches are \$5 on Saturday and Sunday. Registration will be \$25 per person.

**Disposition of 2015 Annual Meeting Proceeds** – Rosemary Marshall

A motion was made by Kathy Woods that live and silent auction proceeds be earmarked for CTC's Spring BreakAway event in 2016. Seconded by Don Dresser; motion carried.

**Southeast Foot Trails Coalition (SEFTA)** – Mark Stanfill

SEFTA is a 35 member organization made up by hiking trail clubs throughout the southeast. SEFTA is a recognized 501c3 organization whose mission is to educate the public and promote connecting a network of long-distance hiking trails (which are currently being connected). TTA has provided financial support in the past through an annual membership payment of \$300. No other organizations do this.

**Committee Appointments (requesting Board approval)** -

**Nominating Committee** – Carolyn Miller

TTA will be seeking members to participate in the Nominating, and Awards Committees. Specifically, seeking nominations for a TTA President and TTA Vice President.

**Funding for 2015 TN Greenways & Trails Forum** – Bob Richards

Bob Richards on behalf of the TN Greenways and Trails Forum requested a donation to help fund the Forum's April 15-17 meeting at Montgomery Bell SP. The meeting is a three-day educational workshop and networking conference, designed for parks and recreational professionals, planners and city and county officials. Forum sessions will highlight the impact of greenways and trails in Tennessee's communities

**Dates for future TTA Board of Directors' meetings:**

May 2, 2015 at REI; Brentwood TN

August 1, 2015 at REI; Brentwood TN

November 13-15, 2015 at TTA's Annual Membership (Nov 14) and 4th Quarter Board Meeting (Nov 15). Townsend, TN.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Judenas

(Sub for Diane Manas)

Secretary, Tennessee Trails Association

2014 BUDGET VS. ACTUAL	Budget	Actual
Income:		
Membership Dues	15,000	13,654
Support	600	2,506
Communication Enhancement Fund		562
Web Income	750	372
Interest Income	30	23
Annual Meeting Proceeds	3,600	9,269
Merchandise Sales	100	312
Other Income		769
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>20,080</b>	<b>27,467</b>
Expenses:		
Postage and Delivery	3,500	2,905
Printing and Reproduction	5,200	4,663
Postage Supplies	250	191
Supplies (office, meeting, etc.)	50	17
Audit Costs	900	900
Chapter Allocation	1,691	1,691
Donations Annual Mtg Proceeds	4,097	
Evan Means Grants	3,000	2,800
Stipend for Newsletter	600	600
Post Office Box	100	92
Miscellaneous	50	22
Donations - Trail Support		1,300
Merchandise		1,050
Remittance of CTC memberships		575
Dues & Subscriptions		75
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>19,438</b>	<b>16,881</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>10,586</b>

— donations from last year from Emerald City



# TTA Membership Report

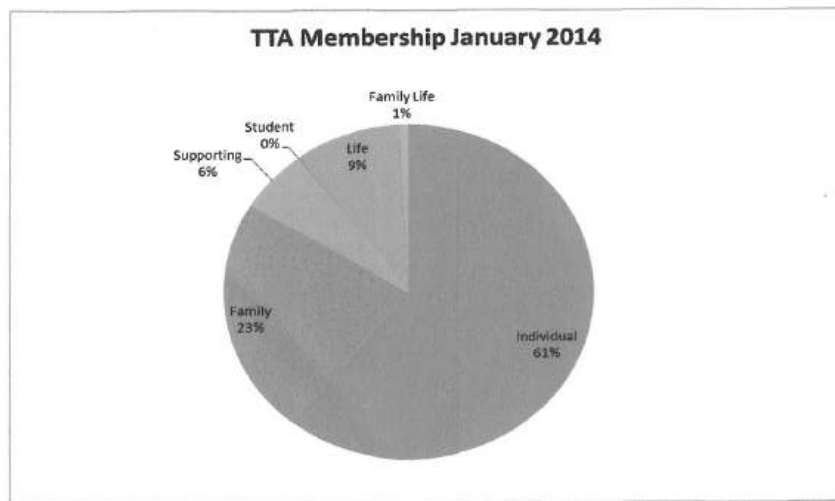
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Tim Townley – Membership Dir.

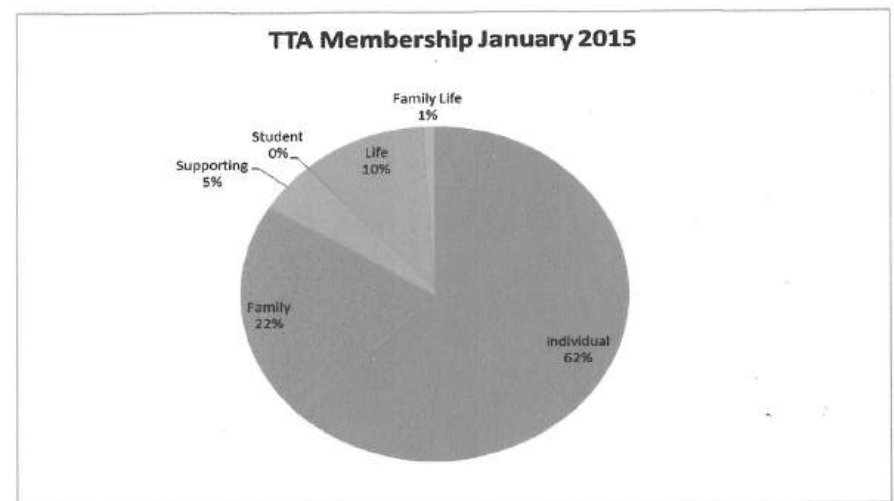
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Date	Total	Individual	Family	Supporting	Student	Life	Family Life
Jan-12	538	330	121	31	2	51	4
Feb-12	544	336	133	38	2	51	4
Mar-12	550	352	134	36	2	51	5
Apr-12	553	353	134	37	3	51	5
May-12	575	345	136	34	2	51	5
Jun-12	594	354	145	38	2	52	5
Jul-12	580	347	138	37	2	51	5
Aug-12	579	346	137	34	1	51	5
Sep-12	583	345	144	37	1	51	5
Oct-12	588	346	146	37	1	51	5
Nov-12	591	349	147	38	1	51	5
Dec-12	584	353	137	37	1	51	5
Jan-13	590	358	138	37	1	51	5
Mar-13	586	350	139	40	1	51	5
Apr-13	573	343	138	36	0	51	5
May-13	574	352	132	34	0	51	5
Jun-13	575	354	133	32	0	51	5
Jul-13	594	364	137	37	0	51	5
Aug-13	589	359	138	36	0	51	5
Sep-13	549	339	122	32	0	51	5
Oct-13	567	354	124	33	0	51	5
Nov-13	582	352	120	33	1	51	5
Dec-13	564	353	123	32	1	51	5
Jan-14	554	338	126	33	1	51	5
Feb-14	547	331	121	28	1	51	5
Mar-14	564	348	131	29	1	52	5
Apr-14	557	344	126	29	1	52	5
May-14	547	337	124	28	1	52	5
Jun-14	540	338	117	27	1	52	5
Jul-14	527	331	113	25	1	52	5
Aug-14	523	315	115	25	1	52	5
Sep-14	529	318	117	28	1	52	5
Oct-14	509	314	113	23	2	52	5
Nov-14	517	323	112	24	1	52	5
Dec-14	519	319	114	24	1	52	5
Jan-15	508	316	110	24	1	52	5

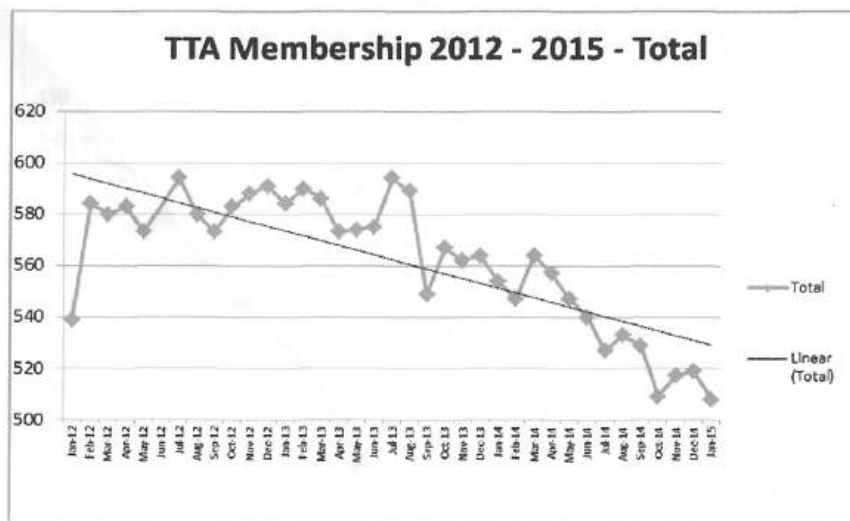
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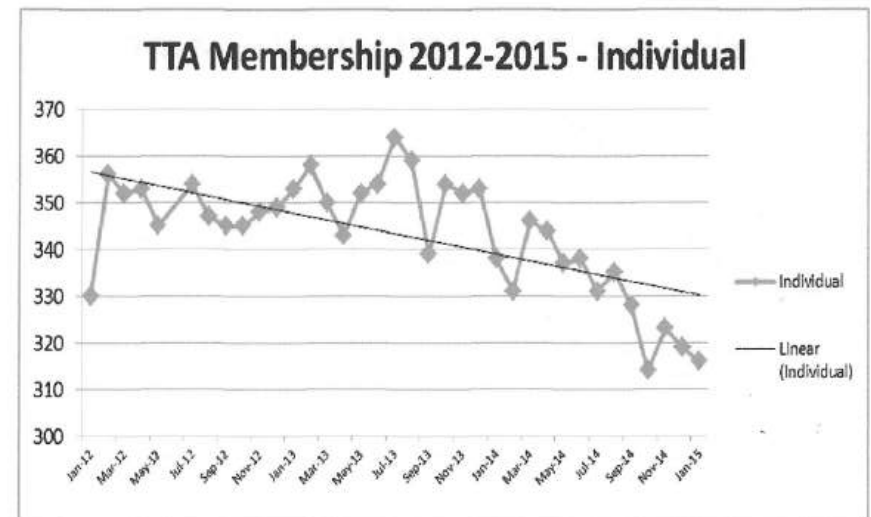
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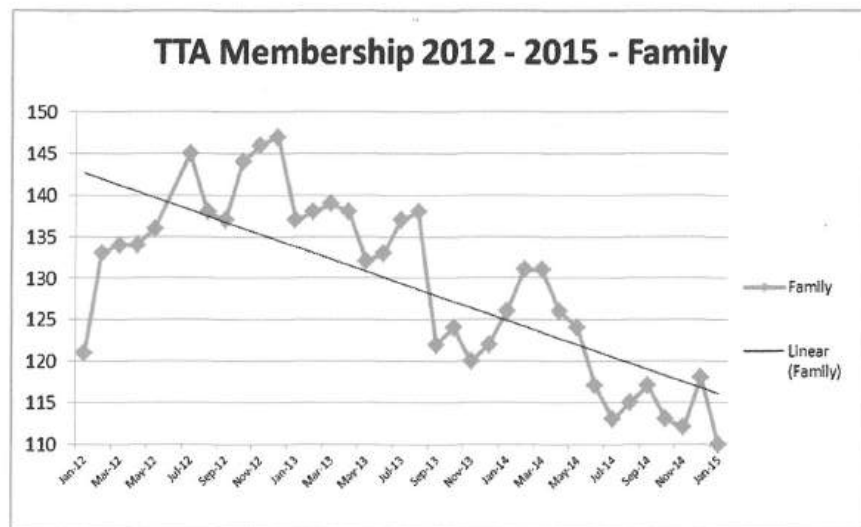
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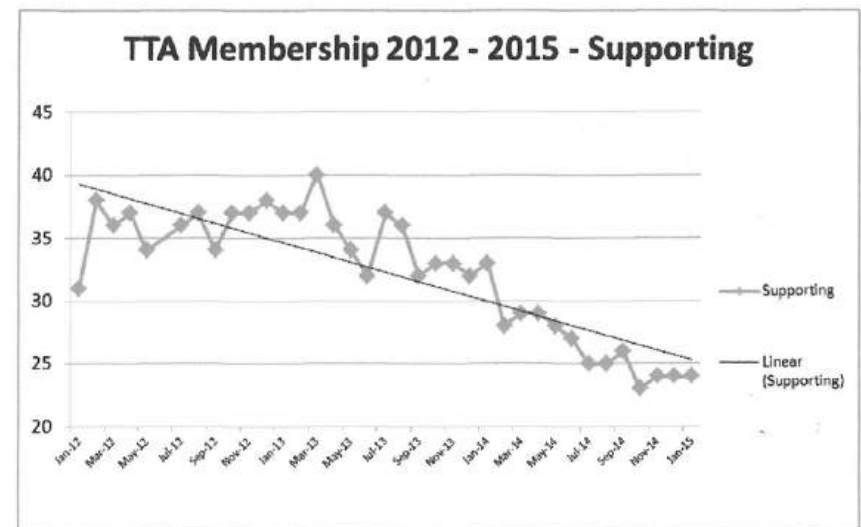
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2014 TTA Annual Meeting  
Income Expense Report

**DRAFT 11/5/14**

	Number	1st Subtotal	2nd Subtotal	Overall Total
<b><i>Registration</i></b>				
Pre-registrations	139	\$4,485.00		
Walk-up Registrations	12	\$380.00		
Total Annual Meeting Registrations	151		\$4,865.00	
Less Meeting Costs (see TTA Meeting Costs tab)			-\$839.79	
<b>Net TTA Meeting Registration Income</b>				<b>\$4,025.21</b>
<b><i>Donations</i></b>				
<i>Dedicated Registration Donations</i>				
Registration donations to Evan Means Small Grant fund		\$281.37		
Registration donations to Communication Enhancement		\$562.00		
Total Dedicated Registration Donations			\$843.37	
<i>Direct Donations from TTA Chapters</i>				
Highland Rim		\$300.00		
Murfreesboro		\$200.00		
Sumner Trails		\$150.00		
Total Chapter Donations			\$650.00	
<i>Personal Donations at TTA Meeting</i>			\$110.00	
<b>Total Donations</b>				<b>\$1,603.37</b>
<b><i>Auctions &amp; Sales</i></b>				
<i>Auctions</i>				
Live Auction		\$1,245.00		
Silent Auction		\$1,528.00		
Total Auction proceeds			\$2,773.00	
<i>Sales</i>				
White Elephant Sale		\$312.75		
Cash Bar		\$467.10		
Bake Sale		\$265.60		
Total Sales			\$1,045.45	
Total Auction & Sales Proceeds				<b>\$3,818.45</b>
<b>Total Net Proceeds for Tennessee Trails</b>				<b>\$9,447.03</b>

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***2014 Annual Meeting Commemorative T-shirts***

Pre-ordered	18	\$294.00		
Sold at TTA Meeting	12	\$240.00		
Total Commemorative T-shirt sales	30		\$534.00	
T-shirt Cost			-\$437.00	
<b>T-shirt proceeds to Nashville Chapter TTA</b>				<b>\$97.00</b>

Amy Sutton / Doug Burroughs  
November 4, 2014



2014 TTA Annual Meeting  
Income Expense Report

**Montgomery Bell State Park**

Montgomery Bell State Park (MBSP) Invoice - reformatted - compare to original MBSP document  
Received 11/3/2014 by Doug Burroughs

Audio Visual Expenses (tax exempt)	\$125.00
(Stage section, microphone, dry-erase board, flip chart)	
Hospitality Suite - two nights (paid to Nashville TTA by Mar	\$409.50
Dining Room (Meals provided via paid & complimentary TI	\$5,612.81
Less deposit (paid by Nashville TTA in 2012)	-\$125.00
Total Invoice amount due to MBSP	<b>\$6,022.31</b>

**2014 TTA Annual Meeting Costs**

*Meal payment shortfall - see below & MBSP Invoice tab	\$284.81
Musicians' Honoraria	\$200.00
MBSP audio-visual materials	\$125.00
MBSP deposit paid by Nashville Chapter	\$125.00
Reimbursement to Nancy Juodenas for printing & office su	\$43.49
Reimbursement to Libby Francis for stamps & office suppli	\$58.49
Cornerstone Federal Credit Union withdrawal analysis fee	\$3.00
Total TTA Meeting Costs	<b>\$839.79</b>

MBSP Invoice Dining Room items - see MBSP Invoice tab	\$5,612.81
TTA Dining Ticket income received via Registration (see D T	-\$5,328.00
*Meal payment shortfall	\$284.81

2015 TTA Evan Means Grant Program (EMG) Applications, Updated Summary & Recommendations  
 TN Trails Association - Board of Directors meeting for Feb. 7, 2015  
 Updated 01.16.2015

2015 Evan Means Grant Budget is \$5,000, \$2,200 remaining from 2014 budget, Is this \$\$ still available??

Organization	Grant Request	Grant funding approved	Project Description	Recommendations
1. TN Parks/Greenways Foundation (TPGF)	\$2,500.00		Beaman Park Land Acquisition, 13 acres at Blueberry Hill	Project is to refund theTPGF Bob Brown Emergency Land Acquisition Fund, Total project cost is \$68,935.20. Currently \$30,000 has been raised. TPGF won the 2014 TTA Award. <b>Recommend Funding</b>
2. TTA Highland Rim Chapter, partner Friends of Short Springs SNA	<del>2,500.00</del> 1,000.00	\$0.00	Bobo Creek Trail Bridge	Project is to build a 42 foot long suspension bridge designed by Tom Hartvigsen, P.E., Projected cost is \$8,000. Two alternative designs of wood bridges are being reviewed. <b>Recommend Defer funding until bridge design finalized.</b>
3. Watershed Association of the Tellico Reservoir (WATeR)	\$1,340.00		Trail signs for the Lakeshore Trail	WATeR has built 30 miles of trails in the past 12 years. Received past EMG funds, \$\$ well spent. Materials and fabrication of wood trail information and directional signs. <b>Recommend funding entire amount.</b>
4. Uplands Village/TTA Plateau Chapter	<del>635.00</del> 250.00		Uplands Village Trail Markers (4 sets of 100, metal, 4 colors)	Six miles of trails on the property, trail maint tools funded in 2014, Cheryl Heckler works there and had a trail maintenance day in Nov. 2014. ?? Options: Flagging tape, cost of \$50.00, Using paint to renew blazes \$100.00 for paint and brushes. <b>Recommend funding either flagging tape or paint. Trail inspected needs maintenance.</b>
5. Cumberland Trail Conference	\$720.00		CTC website support	Ray Garrett submitted a application for CTC website support for monthly maintenance. <b>Defer Recommendation to BOD</b>
6. Cumberland Trail Conference	\$1,000.00		2015 Spring Breakaway	Ray Garrett submitted a application for the 2015 Spring Breakaway sponsored by CTC. <b>Defer Recommendation to BOD</b>
<b>TOTAL REQUESTED</b>	<b>\$8,695.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		

Died for lack of motion

Cashin Miller motion to approve \$1000 2nd by Bruce who

Bryann Marshall motion to approve \$1340 2nd by Don Dresser

motion by Cashin Miller to approve \$250 (vs 635) 2nd by Naullain Kendrick

Cashin Miller motion to approve \$720 2nd by Kathie Dure

Kathy Woods motion to approve \$1000 2nd by Sara Ballard