

Tennessee Trails Association
2017 Annual Membership Meeting
Dubose Center Monteagle
Saturday, October 14
7 p.m.

At 7 pm Carolyn Miller called the meeting to order and requested each Chapter Chair give a 5 minute report.

- Clarksville report - Ken Johnson. He reminded everyone that Clarksville will be the TTA Annual Meeting host in 2018.
- Columbia/Franklin - Marvin Caine
- East Tennessee report - Rosemary Marshall hopes to see everyone at the 2021 TTA Annual Meeting in Townsend, TN.
- Highland Rim - MaryEtta Ward

The Highland Rim Chapter has enjoyed hiking, paddling and camping this quarter. We had work days where we maintained trails at Short Springs and built new trails at Denny Cove. We meet monthly and have a program. And we held a Solar Eclipse Viewing Party at Welch's Point in Sparta followed by a hike to Martha's Pretty Point at Virgin Falls State Natural Area. All this while working with the Murfreesboro and Franklin/Columbia Chapters to host the 2017 TTA Annual Meeting. Our hikes included Greeter Falls, Stone Door/Big Creek Rim, Prentice Cooper, Sewanee Perimeter Trail, Rock Island, Tims Ford, Collins Gulf and Short Springs. We camped on Devils Step Island and paddled Tims Ford Lake. We camped at Ragland Bottom, paddled Center Hill Lake and floated Caney Fork River. We floated the Elk River. Our programs included Ranger Jason Reynolds updating us on new trails at Denny Cove and Sherwood Forest State Natural Area and Stuart Carroll, Manager of Virgin Falls and Lost Creek discussing the new edition of "Hiking Tennessee" which he co-authored. For Veteran's Day weekend our Chapter plans to camp and hike at Fort Mountain State Park, Chatsworth, Georgia. Submitted by Joan Hartvigsen

- Jackson - Melinda Pearson
- Memphis - No report
- Murfreesboro - Sara Pollard
- Nashville - Doug Burroughs
- Plateau - Bob Oboski Cumberland County is doing a 26 miles in a month "Marathon." Has monthly meetings and does CTC trail work.
- Soddy Daisy - Jean Smith.

The Soddy Daisy Chapter continues to hike and celebrate the outdoors. Our hikes are published in two local weekly publications. Over the past twelve months we have had 60+ hikes even with taking a break for the month of August. We continue to reach out to new hikers. Outreach has included making contact and pursuing relationships with the local Outdoor Chattanooga organization which has an Outdoor Ambassador Program which seeks to train and expose diverse populations to outdoor recreational opportunities. We are also developing hike leaders from within the club membership by promoting co-leadership of a hike to assist members in gaining confidence and skills to serve in the role of hike leader.

Our future plans include continuing with short/long combination hikes to encourage new hikers and more joint hikes similar to the hike planned with the Plateau Chapter for November 18, 2017.

- Sumner Trails - no report
- Upper Cumberland – Pete Broehl - “crippled group”.

Carolyn Miller thanked everyone for coming. She said we need to vote on updating the TTA by-laws that were written 2012. There was a by-law committee: Jim Poteet, Bruce Whitehead, Bob Richards, and Carolyn Miller. Legal counsel: Charles Key.

There is a quorum which is 10% of the membership present.

Jim Poteet made a motion to accept the new by-laws as were presented in the newsletter. Mary Etta Ward seconded. Discussion followed. Levonn Hubbard called for a vote. The motion carried.

Nominations:

Nominating Committee: Sara Pollard, Don Dresser, Carolyn Miller.

Nominating committee presented the following candidates for the Nine At Large Directors positions for 2018:

Carolyn Miller
Kathy Woods
Jackie York
Cheryl Heckler
Linda Latter
Jim Poteet

Motion to approve. Motion carried.

Awards:

Bill Stutz Award was presented to Sara Pollard. Fount Bertram’s letter was read aloud that described Sara’s contributions to TTA.

Tennessee Trails Association Award was presented to The Friends of South Cumberland. Mary Etta Ward spoke on their behalf relaying the new additions to the park and number of volunteer hours.

Bob Brown Award was presented to Dr. Wallace Bigbee, for his extraordinary lifetime of leadership and conservation work. Joan Hartvigsen read the nomination supporting the award.

Membership Meeting concluded at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Recorded by Jenice Johnson,
Acting Secretary, Tennessee Trails Association