

Tennessee Trails Association (TTA)  
Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting  
October 19, 2019  
Fairfield Glade Community Club Center  
Crossville, TN

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm by TTA Vice-President Linda Latter, presiding. A quorum was present.

**Old Business**

TTA Secretary Melinda Pearson requested a vote on the Minutes of the 2018 Annual Membership Meeting. Jim Poteet made a motion to suspend the reading of the 2018 Minutes and approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**New Business**

Awards

Marietta Poteet presented the 2019 Tennessee Trails Award to Carlton Parmley. Joan Hartvigsen presented the 2019 Bill Stutz Award to Marietta Poteet.

Reports

Vice-President Linda Latter gave a "State of TTA" report on the TTA chapters' combined total of different events in 2019.

Individual chapter annual reports were presented by spokesmen from the following chapters: Clarksville, Columbia/Franklin, East Tennessee, Highland Rim, Jackson, Murfreesboro, Nashville, Plateau, Soddy-Daisy, Upper Cumberland.

Auction

Auctioneer Libby Francis, assisted by auction model Marietta Poteet, conducted the annual auction of the Candy Cane shorts for the support of CTC. The winning bid of \$700 went to a collective of TTA members.

Elections

The TTA Nominating Committee made a motion for a vote of approval of the following nominees for TTA Directors with terms ending in 2022:

Mark Hubbard—At-Large Director  
Terry Warren—West Tennessee Regional Director  
Joan Hartvigsen—Middle Tennessee Regional Director

Motion carried.

TTA By-Law Change

Carolyn Miller made a motion to approve a resolution for amending TTA By-Laws Section 9—Chapter Officers, to replace ambiguous language, and make clear that a Chapter Board Representative may serve concurrently as any Chapter Officer. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm by Linda Latter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Pearson

## TTA Nashville Chapter – 2018-2019 Annual Summary

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October 2018 - September 2019

- Another good year for Nashville TTA. Chapter **membership** is 87 as of October 2019 (versus 90 for 2018, 92 for 2017 and 94 for 2016).
- **Chapter Officers**
  - Chair: Doug Burroughs
  - Treasurer: June Callahan
  - Hike Coordinator: Nancy Juodenas
  - Programs Coordinator: Vacant
- The Nashville Chapter continues to meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month (except for May and December) at the REI store in Brentwood TN. We have a picnic at Warner Park every May and a holiday party every December.
- We offered **26 hikes** in the TTA Newsletter from as close as Warner Park and as far as Roan Mountain State Park.
- For the ten **monthly meetings** that were held at REI.
  - Many of our monthly meetings were presentations of hiking and/or other trips by members of our chapter or other TTA chapters.
    - The Cotswolds Way in England
    - Ticks and Chiggers by Dr. Stephen Murphree, Belmont University
    - Overview of Tennessee State Parks, by Randy Hedgepath, Tennessee State Parks Naturalist
    - Section Hiking the AT, Raymond Myers, Nashville Backpackers Meetup
    - Nancy Juodenas, Backpacking the Grand Canyon Rim to Rim
    - Rio Negro in Brazil - Danny Shelton and Kevin Bowden
    - Alaska - Libby Francis
    - Overlooks of the Cumberland Plateau and the Smokies - Doug King
    - Hiking in the West of Ireland - Rick Lausten
- Because our chapter treasury had sufficient funds, we voted to make a direct donation to the: **TTA Annual Meeting Auction**.
- The Nashville Chapter, under Amy Sutton's coordination, **wrapped gifts** at REI in December again. We raised over \$500 for CTC Breakaway.

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- The Nashville Chapter continues to collate, label, fold, tab, stamp and mail out the printed copies of the **TTA Newsletter** each month. This process was handed off by Diane Manas after many years is now coordinated by Libby Francis.
- Amy Sutton and backup Kevin Bowden also **collect mail** from the State TTA Post Office Box and forward contents to the Membership Director.

A RESOLUTION to propose to the membership a change to the Association's Bylaws.

WHEREAS there is ambiguity in the Association's Bylaws adopted October 4, 2017 regarding a chapter's representative to the board.;

WHEREAS this ambiguity could lead to the conclusion that neither the chapter chair nor the chapter treasurer can be the chapter's representative to the board;

THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

The TTA Board will present to the membership at the next membership meeting the following proposed bylaw revision:

Replace this paragraph in Section 9:

**Chapter Officers.** Chapters shall elect officers as the Chapter deems suitable and necessary, but must have at least a Chapter Chair, a Chapter Treasurer, and a Chapter Representative to serve on the Board. Elections shall be held at least annually. Each Chapter may schedule meetings and outings in accordance with the wishes of the majority of members of each Chapter. All Chapter Officers, and the Board Representative, must be members of the Association.

With these two paragraphs:

**Chapter Officers.** Chapters shall elect from their members such officers as the Chapter deems suitable and necessary, but must have at least a Chapter Chair and a Chapter Treasurer. Elections for these officers shall be held at least annually. Each Chapter may schedule meetings and outings in accordance with the wishes of the majority of members of each Chapter.

**Chapter Board Representative.** Each chapter shall elect one of its members to serve as their representative on the Association's Board of Directors This election shall be held annually, and the Chapter Representative shall serve on the Board for one fiscal year.

February 2, 2019

(Revised February 5, 2019)

(Revised April 29, 2019)

(Revised May 4, 2019)

Approved by vote of TTA Board at 5-4-19 Board Meeting.