

## **Annual Membership Meeting of Tennessee Trails Association**

October 21, 2023

Pin Oak Lodge, Natchez Trace State Park, Wildersville, TN 38351

- President Duane Frichtl called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- President Frichtl read the minutes of the 2022 Annual Membership Meeting.
- A quorum of 110 TTA members were present.
- Recognition was given to all who contributed to the success of the event as well as donations to the silent auction.
- The President's report included many successes of TTA including membership increases, financial status, and the hard work put in by the various committees. Recognition was made of two retiring board members, Terry Warren after 4 years as West Tennessee Regional Director and Cheryl Heckler after 7 years as Membership Director.
- Treasurer June Callahan gave the financial report.
- Libby Francis, Chair of the Nominations Committee, presented 4 nominations for Board positions: Jenny Fitzgerald and Jane Coffey for At Large Directors, both renewing for another 3 year term, Marti Owensby for At Large Director, and Dharma Alaksza for West TN Regional Director. There being no additional nominations from the floor, the motion was made by Will Wisniewski and seconded by Karen Thomas to accept these members to the board. The motion passed.
- Libby Francis, Chair of the By Laws Committee, presented some revisions to the By Laws. The motion was made by Mark Hubbard and seconded by Michelle Kelley to accept the changes. The motion passed.

- Steve Turner, Clarksville Chapter, gave a memorial for long time member Paul Schwab.
- Michelle Kelley, Chair of the Awards Committee, presented the 2023 TTA Awards as follows:
  - Cheryl Heckler, Plateau Chapter, Tennessee Trails Award
  - Wayne Simpson, Memphis Chapter, Mack Prichard Environmental Award
  - Betsey Darken, Scenic City Chapter, Bill Stutz Award
  - Philip Anderson, Clarksville Chapter, Bill Stutz Award
- The attending membership then heard reports from each of the chapter chairs describing the achievements of their respective chapters during the past year.
- Patty Deen, Highland Rim Chapter, and Sara Pollard, Murfreesboro Chapter, announced that the 2024 Annual meeting would be held at Fall Creek Falls State Park on October 25-27.
- The meeting concluded by auctioning off a weekend at Fairfield Glade to contribute to the proceeds of the silent auction.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.



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Jan through Sept 2023

**JAN - SEPT 2023**

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