

Calendar: Nov. 16, hike, Fiery Gizzard Gulf, Tracy City, Tenn.
Dec. 7, 10 a.m., annual meeting, Cumberland Mtn. State Park.

The agenda for the annual meeting will include reports of committees, consideration of By-laws amendments, and election of officers. The proposed changes in the By-laws: change By-law 1 to read, "The annual meeting of this association shall be held during the fourth quarter in each year." Change the first sentence of By-law 5 to read, "The dues of this association shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per year for individual members."

The first change will give greater flexibility in setting the annual meeting date. The second is the result of increased cost of our newsletter, "TENNESSEE TRAILS". Student and supporting member dues would not be changed.

E. W. Means, David Rhyne and Bob Brown have been appointed to the Nominating Committee. Please send them your suggestions. Pres. Lily Rose does not choose to run. Recording Secretary Robbie Hassler wants out after five terms. We expect Dot Lingerfelt to be drafted to remain as Corresponding Sec.-Treasurer. The term of Roy Hall expires on the Board. Holdover directors are Donald Todd, Sr. and E. W. Means.

Bill Stutz is the leader of the November hike. He writes: "Mr. Herman Baggenstoss, early settler and chairman of the Grundy Co. Conservation Board, will be our guest leader." The hike along Big Fiery Gizzard Creek in Grundy State Forest, passes through some spectacular geologic formations. It will be a loop trail, eliminating the need for car shuttles. Meet at City Hall in Tracy City at 8:45 a.m. Central Standard Time, Nov. 16. Carry lunch and canteen.

The Eastern Regional Trails Symposium was a big success. Program chairman David Rhyne reports a total attendance of 110 people from 13 states, representing 45 different organizations. There were 74 Tennesseans, including 36 TTA members. The other states represented were Indiana, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Kentucky, West Virginia, New York, Arkansas, South Carolina, Minnesota, Illinois, and Virginia.

The fall colors were beautiful and the weather pleasant. The trail construction demonstration attracted 36 people. Seventeen went on the overnight backpack trips. Those on the Virgin Falls hike were impressed by the number of young people, many of them backpackers, on the trail.

We heard many compliments on the program. Credit for that is due David Rhyne, Bob Brown and Joe Gaines. Our thanks to Bowaters for the bus trip and the social hour Friday night. A bouquet is due Pat Rhyne for her hard work on advance registration and to Robbie Hassler and Dot Lingerfelt for helping handle the registration desk. Space is short so we'll give further details, and credits, next month.

Gunnar Peterson, chairman of the National Trails Council, was pleased with our program and the site of the Symposium. He told the editor that the Council is looking at the Land Between the Lakes as a possible site for the Third National Trails Symposium. Oak Ridge has also issued an invitation to the Council for that conference.

On to the Fiery Gizzard.