

TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 31, 1998

The meeting was held at Lakeshore Methodist Assembly Center at Eva, Tennessee. About 100 people attended.

The following awards were presented:

TTA Award: To Alternate Spring Break Program at Vanderbilt University. Coordinator Carolyn Miller accepted.

And to Governor Don Sundquist for his designating the Cumberland Trail as Cumberland Trail State Park for his continued support of trails. Milton H. Hamilton, Jr, commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation, accepted for the governor.

Bill Stutz Award: To Mike Harvey, chairman of the Murfreesboro Chapter, for his constant service, especially for his holding the Murfreesboro Chapter together and rebuilding it, and for his work on the Cumberland Trail.

Awards by the Cumberland Trail Conference:

Cumberland Trail Award: To Sam Powell and to Barry and Sandra Spearman.

Bob Brown Top Volunteer Award: To Bill Eldredge.

Golden Squirrel Award: To Rob Weber for losing the most hikers as a leader, for a wild ride in the Catoosa wilderness. They weren't exactly separated from their leader - all were lost. Rob was serenaded with a song written especially in his honor.

Special awards: Three retiring board members received special awards for long service to TTA: Bertha Chrietzberg, Evelyn Tretter and Judy Cleary. Arleen Barnett was specially recognized for constant dedication to the Cumberland Trail and Breakaway. She was presented with flowers.

Chapter Reports: Clarksville - The chapter's famous J. R. Tate, who just completed his third walk of the entire Appalachian Trail, gave a brief report of his journey. The chapter remains very active. Cumberland Mountain - The chapter plans to work with The Big South Fork by leading park visitors on the trails. The effort started last year but was thwarted by an ice storm that closed all the trails. East Tennessee - In its third year the chapter has good turnout for hikes. They are planning a work day at The Big South Fork. Memphis - The chapter has a new semi-permanent meeting place. They have new T-shirts to sell. They work on the Chickasaw Trail and have "social hikes," inviting nearby newcomers. Murfreesboro - Members have worked on the CT and two have qualified for patches. The new chairman, Fount Bertram, stated plans for the coming year: recruiting members from the community, programs at Veterans Hospital and with community organizations. The chapter will host next year's annual meeting at the Dubose Center, Monteagle. Murfreesboro has a new park and the

chapter will work with the city to help develop trails. Nashville - Membership and meeting attendance are up since moving the meeting place to Radnor Lake Visitor Center. The chapter is selling bandanas to raise funds. Half the proceeds will go to relieve victims of last spring's tornado in Nashville. The chapter will help build trails at Beaman Park. Upper Cumberland - Very active but needs more leadership. Cumberland Trail Conference - Negotiations on contract with the state are continuing. Carolyn Miller was recognized as the coordinator for the Alternate Spring Break Program at Venderbilt.

The following officers were elected for 1999: president, Jim Poteet; vice president, Arleen Barnett; membership, Ninez Giles; recording secretary, Patti Latta; treasurer, James Leininger; director-at-large, Libby Francis.

It was announced that the fifth edition of Tennessee Trails, by Evan Means and Bob Brown, has been printed. Price is \$12.95.

Other events of the weekend included covered dish supper Friday night, hikes, rope course, bonfires at campground, presentation by ranger from Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park on local culture and wildlife.

Evelyn Tretter, recording secretary

Memphic Chapter were hosts