

TENNESSEE TRAILS

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This is the first issue of the official house organ of the Tennessee Trails Association. Future issues will bring you news of TTA activities, profiles of our officers, and reports of the progress of our projects, along with information about legislation and other information of interest.

We adopted a constitution and by-laws at the annual meeting at Cove Lake State Park on Dec. 6. It sets forth our purpose, provides for a Board of Directors, defines the duties of officers, and the type of membership. The dues, set in the by-laws, will be three dollars a year for individuals and a minimum of ten dollars and/or special services for supporting members.

Supporting members may be either organizations or persons who meet the requirements. The Board of Directors is empowered to determine the special services which qualify supporting members.

Included with this issue of TENNESSEE TRAILS will be an application for membership. If you have already paid dues, please pass it on to a prospective member. If you do not wish to be on our mailing list, we'd like to know that too. Nineteen persons paid dues at the annual meeting.

Our new officers are Donald Todd, Wartburg, president; Robert D. Brown, Nashville, vice-president; Mrs. David Hassler, Eydstown, recording secretary, and Mrs. John McIntyre, Oak Ridge, corresponding secretary and treasurer. Three directors complete the Board. They are F. R. Bruce, Oak Ridge, expiring in 1972; Roy Hall, Crossville, two-year term, and E. W. Means, Oak Ridge, one year term. Future directors will serve three-year terms.

The office of corresponding secretary-treasurer was tailored to fit a volunteer. Mrs. McIntyre will handle general mailings to the membership, such as the newsletter, collect dues and pay our bills. Our official address will be Tennessee Trails Association, P.O. Box 733, Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37830.

The membership at the annual meeting voted to join in the sponsorship of a Tennessee Trails Seminar early in April. The tentative site will be Montgomery Bell State Park. Other participants will include the Department of Conservation; Smoky Mountains Hiking Club; Appalachian Trail Conference; Bureau of Outdoor Recreation; National Park Service, and U. S. Forest Service.

Our By-laws call for an activity each month. This may include trail-clearing sessions, hikes, the Trail Seminar, and special programs. The Vice-president is program chairman. The January activity, and maybe others, will be announced in the January issue of Tennessee Trails.

Copies of the Constitution and By-laws will be distributed to our members as soon as we can get them reproduced. Next month we hope to start publishing brief biographies of our officers, if we can get them to talk about themselves. Also, we plan to have an up to date progress report on the Cumberland Trail.

In the meantime, keep those dues coming in.