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The date for the annual meeting has been set for Saturday, Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. EST at Cove Lake State Park. After the meeting there will be a short hike on a newly-cleared section of the Cumberland Trail on Walden's Ridge in Anderson County.

President Donald Todd has appointed a nominating committee: Bob Brown, Roy Hall and E. W. Means. This committee will meet at Cumberland Mountain State Park at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14. If anyone has a nomination to present, please contact a member of this committee.

The election this year will be for President, Vice-president, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer, and two directors. One is for a three-year term and the other for the two-year unexpired term of Frank Bruce, who resigned last month. E. W. Means' term expires this year. The Board of Directors appointed John McIntyre to serve until the annual meeting.

We have been invited to take part in the dedication of Bowaters' new Laurel-Snow Pocket Wilderness near Dayton, Tenn., on Saturday, Nov. 14. Program Chairman Bob Brown has designated this as our November activity. The Laurel-Snow area contains 710 acres and is Bowaters' largest pocket wilderness.

This pocket wilderness includes two waterfalls, Laurel and Snow; sections of Laurel, Morgan and Richland Creeks and a stand of virgin timber. The dedication hike will follow a trail that follows Richland Creek for a while, then forks, with one branch going to Laurel Falls and the other to Snow Falls.

The hike will be about 8 miles total. The invitation says: "Hikers should be in good condition, wear sturdy shoes or boots and carry their lunches. To get to the starting point, turn west off U. S. Highway 27 at the hospital on the north side of Dayton. Follow a blacktop road 1.5 miles to a new company road and follow it to the parking lot. The first group will leave the parking area at 9:30 a.m. EST.

Following up on the final paragraph of the October issue, John and Susan McIntyre announce the arrival of their new son, Eric Lee, on October 9. No jeep ride was required.

The trails seminar mentioned last month will not be held at Montgomery Bell State Park on Nov. 7. Instead, there will be a meeting of an inter-organizational committee at Cumberland Mountain State Park to consider a proposed trails bill. Bob Brown tells us that there will be a full seminar, like the one held last May, at a later date.

That new section of the Cumberland Trail on Walden's Ridge has been cleared by Scout groups working toward Poplar Creek Gap from the fire tower above Dutch Valley. A group from Oak Ridge Associated Universities has been working toward Lake City. We now have a total of 33 to 35 miles of trail cleared. People are using the Walden's Ridge section already.

Robbie Hassler reports that the TTA patches were to be shipped from the manufacturer Oct. 28. The order was placed several months ago. We hope to have them for the annual meeting.

Corresponding Secretary Susan McIntyre is preparing a membership list for the Nominating Committee. She says she will make copies of this list available to interested members. If you'd like a copy, write to Susan at the TTA address, P. O. Box 733, Oak Ridge Tenn. 37830.

The editor cornered Director Roy Hall at the Tennessee Forest Festival on Oct. 17 and got that long-awaited biographical sketch. He was born at Big Lick in Cumberland County. He didn't say when, but his family came to the Cumberlands in 1825. He lived in Indiana from 1935 to 1952, then returned to Crossville.

Roy's checkered career has included farming, the feed business, disease eradication work for the Department of Agriculture; newspaper and radio work. He spent 3 years in news and advertising for Radio Station WAEW. He became executive manager of the Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce in 1963, a position he still holds. In addition to TTA, Roy works with the Hull-York-Lakeland Ass'n; Emory River Watershed Development Ass'n; and Upper Cumberland Development District.

Enclosed with this issue of Tennessee Trails, you will find a postcard ballot for your vote on proposed amendments to the Constitution of TTA. It required a two-thirds vote of the voting members by mail ballot to amend the Constitution. Please mark the ballot and return it immediately. The results will be announced at the annual meeting.

Here are the proposed amendments:

Article III, Membership:

Add paragraph to read, "Ten or more voting members in any local area may form a local chapter of Tennessee Trails Association. Membership in a local chapter will not excuse a member from regular dues of the parent Association. "

Article V. Board of Directors:

Delete the last sentence in Paragraph "a", which reads, "When the number of voting members exceeds 150, one director shall be added for each additional 50 members. Add the sentence, "There shall be one director from each local chapter, plus three directors to be elected at large."

We promised Treasurer Susan McIntyre that we would include a membership renewal coupon in this issue of TENNESSEE TRAILS. The dues year begins with the annual meeting.

Membership Renewal, Tennessee Trails Association.

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