

Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association  
Board Meeting  
February 28, 2008

President Henry Ambrose called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Radnor Lake Visitors Center, Nashville, Tennessee.

**Present:** Ambrose, Beard, Boone, Boord, Burr, Clapper, Davis, Fussell, Ganstine, Hart, Karwedsky, Lyle, McCarter, Charlie Penley, Connally Penley, Qualls, Shultz, Spencer, Strausbaugh, Troutman, Wilkerson, Williams

**Absent:** Fisher

**Guests:** Lucy Garrabrants, Mike Cain, Randle Branch, Laura Alexander

**Minutes.** Sherry Beard presented the January minutes, which had been sent to Board members in advance, for approval. The minutes for November were approved as presented.

**Financial Report.** Treasurer Jim Clapper presented the financial report for January. Expenditures exceed revenues in January. TRSA received \$5,736 from Community Shares. One note: One 12-month CD matured. The money was invested in a 6-month CD. The financials were approved as presented.

**Roll School.** Clyde Troutman reported that there were 53 students for roll school which netted over \$3,000 after expenses. He used a new program from ACA to enroll the students as 6-month ACA members which will help save on insurance costs to TSRA as we will not have to pay insurance again for these members until the 6-month period ends.

**Winter Paddling Clinic.** Trent Ganstine said that the class was on-track for 20-plus students. He was pushing for guest registrants as well. There will be hiking and other activities for guests who do not participate in the paddling clinic.

**Intro to Paddling.** Henry reported for David Evans and Susan Lohr. The school will be on May 10<sup>th</sup>. It has been publicized in the newsletter and on the website. There will be online registration for this event. Betsy Barr and Sally Barr will be doing registration during the school.

**Access.** Patty Schultz reported on the Access committee activities. Mark Vaughn with the Army Corps of Engineers met with the committee. There are three locations on the Stones River below the dam that might be good access points. Frank Fiss, of TWRA, said that all publicly-owned access sites were to be listed on their website. TDOT is cooperating with other agencies to provide park and float access on TDOT-owned lands. Dennis Crumby is the contact at TDOT. The next access to be built will be on the Harpeth River at Pinkerton Park in Franklin. The Bellevue soccer field site is still in process.

**Rendezvous.** Jack Lyle and Mike Qualls reported. Trips are filling in. All classes will be represented this year. 1500 cards were mailed to instructors in the Southeast inviting them to attend the event. A concern is that there is a tree all the way across the river about 1-1/2 miles about Jett Bridge which will create a hazard.

**Community Shares.** Mike Qualls said that he had filed our annual report. We are in good standing with the organization. Barnett will be helping this year. They are in the process of getting a new director as Beverly Feinstein has taken another position.

**Dragon Boat Festival.** Henry Ambrose announced that the event will be held on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bridgestone will be the signature sponsor again this year. Ingram has doubled their sponsorship. According to Laura Alexander, Cumberland River Compact, there are already 11 teams signed up for this year. Last year, there were 34 teams and the event company said they could handle twice that number. Everyone is encouraged to get sponsors and teams to participate.

**E-newsletter conversion.** Connally Penley reported that TSRA will still print some newsletters to give to outfitters and folks who want a paper copy. The committee is waiting on an updated membership list to compare to e-mail list. Clyde will help with that process. The goal is get letters out before Rendezvous with May being the last month the newsletter is mailed to everyone. This will mean a significant savings to TSRA.

**Boat Day.** Randle Branch of Stones River Watershed Association and Laura Alexander of Cumberland River Compact asked to TSRA's help during their basin-wide boat day on July 12<sup>th</sup>. This will be a great opportunity for TSRA to come into contact with people who are interested in paddling and get new members and tell folks about our schools. They would like 1 instructor at each location to give rudimentary instruction as well as two other TSRA volunteers to help with on-water safety. They are also asking for TSRA members to bring their boats for people to try. CRC has asked manufacturers to bring demo boats as well.

**Instructor School.** Beth Boord passed out a list of instructors/potential instructors. She asked that the group review the list for anyone who is not on it, anyone who should be taken off, and other potential instructor candidates.

**Executive Director/CNM consultant.** Mike Qualls talked with CNM and suggested that we meet with a consultant. It will take about 4 days with the bulk of the time spent with the Board to see what we want to do and how best to do it. After discussion, a motion to proceed with the consultant was approved.

**Miscellaneous.** Mike Qualls said that Team Green is doing a clean-up on Percy Priest Lake on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. They have included us as a sponsor and are asking for TSRA's help.

Daniel Boone reported that Trout Unlimited is holding a Tellico clean-up on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Qualls told of a Team Green trip that he is leading to Baja May 10-18.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry K. Beard