

Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association  
Board Meeting  
March 27, 2008

In the absence of President Henry Ambrose and Vice-President Clyde Troutman, Mike Qualls called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Radnor Lake Visitors Center, Nashville, Tennessee.

**Present:** Beard, Boone, Burr, Davis, Fisher, Fussell, Ganstine, Hart, Karwedsky, Lyle, McCarter, Charlie Penley, Connally Penley, Qualls, Shultz, Spencer, Wilkerson, Williams

**Absent:** Ambrose, Boord, Clapper, Strasbaugh, Troutman

**Guests:** Lucy Garrabrants

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

**Financial Report.** Lucy Garrabrants presented the financial report in the absence of Treasurer Jim Clapper. The financials were approved as presented.

**Conservation.** Daniel Boone presented an update on the Limited Resource Water bill. The Board was urged to continue to keep pressure on to defeat this bill. He displayed a copy of a sign that will be used on Mill Creek recognizing TSRA for adopting the stream. Metro Water Services is making the signs available for anyone in their service area who adopts a section of a stream or river.

Marge Davis needs \$1000 to finish paying for the survey to support efforts to pass the Bottle Bill. Daniel proposed that TSRA send \$500. The motion passed.

He also reminded the Board of the clean-up on Percy Priest Lake. Lisa McCarter and Tim Keen are leading paddle craft.

**Planning Retreat.** Mike Qualls reminded everyone of the retreat on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The location has been moved to the Center for Non-profit Management in Metro Center. Everyone should complete the questionnaire before then.

**Dragon Boat Race.** Mike Qualls said that Dragon Boat will be held on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. He and Henry are attending the planning meetings. There are 15 teams signed up already. Ingram is supporting for \$10,000 and Bridgestone is the named sponsor at \$20,000. There is need for help with volunteer assignments. There is a need for 4 power boats. Anyone who knows anyone who would let us borrow their power boat should let Mike know. Big River Grill is involved for volunteer appreciation.

**Boat Day.** Barnett Williams reported on the regional Boat Day which is July 12<sup>th</sup>. He will be contacting folks to help out with providing quick safety talks and paddling rudiments. The need for boats was discussed.

**Plaques at River Accesses.** Mike Qualls reported in Clyde Troutman's absence. Clyde would like to see a plaque at each river access in which TSRA is involved in building. This would be very good public relations getting our name out. The more awareness we can get for TSRA, the better. The Board approved Charlie Wilkerson to get estimates and mock-ups for us to see.

**Access.** Patty Shultz reported. April 19<sup>th</sup> at Pinkerton Park in Franklin is the next work date. There should be a table with TSRA brochures, information, and signs.

**E-newsletter conversion.** Connally Penley reported. The Emma list and the database were merged. The mailing will go out in May after renewals from Rendezvous have been entered.

**Instructor School.** Connally reported that 17 people have signed up. There is a good mix of current and new as well as all levels and types of boats.

**Roll School.** We need to find a location for roll school. Maryland Farms YMCA is no longer available. Trent suggested TSU's pool.

**Rendezvous.** There are 91 people signed up. Rob has signs that need to be taken to Jim Shelton. The auction items are great. Charlie has hats. There are great trips lined up. Don't forget items for the silent auction. And Lisa Jacobi's bluegrass band will play.

**Miscellaneous.** Sherry Beard asked the Board to consider allowing the Duck River Agency to funnel grants through TSRA until their tax exempt status is completed. The role of each organization should be clearly spelled out.

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

Barnett Williams asked if any past presidents were contacted to attend the Board retreat. Also if anyone knew the location of the information from the 2004 retreat.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry K. Beard