

TENNESSEE SCENIC RIVERS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Dec.1, 2010, 7:00 p.m., REI, Brentwood, TN

Present: Eric Fisher, Trent Ganstine, Gene Levine, Mark Quarles, Patty Shults, Jim Clapper, Steve Logan, Rob Karwedsky, Daniel Boone, Barnett Williams, Heather Stacey, Jack Lyle, Donnie Safer, Sam Davis
Absent: Charlie Wilkerson, David Pelren, Chris Grissom, Lisa McCarter, Jim McCool, Fancy Worthington
Guest: Lucy Garrabrants, Scott Strausbaugh, Craig Burr, Clyde Gensert, John Grimes

President Trent Ganstine called the meeting to order.

Conservation:

Blue Ridge Paper (formally Champion Paper) Legal Action:

TSRA has joined other environmental groups with an administrative appeal filled in North Carolina with the Division of Water Quality that allows BRP to exceed the states thermal and color variance discharges.

Daniel reported that the request buy BRP to dismiss the case was denied.

Mediation of the case is scheduled for Dec. 15. Daniel was planning to attend.

A motion was made and passed to reimburse Daniel for the trip.

Donnie announced that Tennessee Conservation Voters will have its annual fundraiser Feb. 11, TSRA and its members have always been big supporters of TVC so we hope for a big turn out.

Mark reported that the Middle Tennessee and Plateau regions of TN have been identified by the oil and gas industry, as an area that the extraction process known as fracing, could be profitable. The industry has been buying land and mineral rights in these areas. Severe environmental damage (mostly to ground and surface water) has resulted in other areas of the country, where this process has been used. The state of Tennessee currently has no plans to deal with this new process or the potential problems. We all agreed that we need to keep a close eye on this in the future.

Rob reported on the the effort by the Tennessee Parks and Greenway Foundation to purchase the 186 acres at Cummins Falls to protect it from development. We agreed to support this effort with a donation of \$5686. This amount will buy one acre.

Donnie reported on the plan to ship 1,000 tons of radioactive waste from Germany to be incinerated in Oak Ridge. There are plans to import much more waste from other countries.

River Access:

Patty reported that, Jane Polanski attended a meeting concerning issues of access and compliance with the American Disabilities Act, for the Collie Davis Hwy. 100 bridge site, behind the soccer fields. These issues have been worked out and construction should start soon.

Website Payment:

Trent reported that we are getting close to getting that up and running.

TSRA web site calendar:

Scott reported that is up and running. Looks sharp has a lot of info. Check it out.

TSRA River Trips:

Jack led a discussion concerning making the paperwork aspect of leading a trip easier. The problem is with the signing and filling of insurance waivers. The issues of insurance are complex and there was not enough time to deal with them at this meeting. We agreed that it was important to deal with this soon and will address the problem some time this year.

Trial membership update:

Trent reported that it should happen soon.

Annual Membership Expiration Dates:

The problem is with the difficulty that individuals have in keeping up with the expiration of their membership. It was decided to form a committee to look into the possibility of having all memberships expire on the same date. What date that should be. And how to prorate the cost of affected memberships. Barnett, Sam and Scott volunteered to be on the committee.

Financial Report:

Sam reported that we had a deficit of about \$3000 for Oct. We will have a deficit for the year but it is less than budgeted. But we also gave less to conservation issue than we budgeted for. The financial report was accepted.

Scott reported that a donation letter will be going out to the membership to keep TSRA in everyones mind during this season of giving.

Donation to Radnor:

Lucy pointed out that we have always made a donation to Radnor for the use of the meeting room. It was decided that we make a donation in the same amount as last year.

Roll School:

Jack reported that we will be using the TSU pool again this year.

2011 TSRA Board:

At 8:30 p.m. on the first day of December of the year 2010 the new board of directors took over responsibility of leading TSRA into the new year.

The first order of business was the nomination of officers.

The nominations are as follows;

Secretary: still open

President: Trent Ganstine

Treasurer: Sam Davis

Vice President: Charlie Wilkerson and Craig Burr

The Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Minutes by Eric Fisher