

**Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association
Board Meeting
June 25, 2009**

Present: Ambrose, Beard, Boord, Clapper, Davis, Fisher, Ganstine, Hart, Karwedsky, Koonce, McCarter, Shultz, Spencer, Wilkerson

Absent: Boone, Kelsey, Logan, Lyle, Strausbaugh, Williams

Guests: Lucy Garrabrants, Shirley Amitrano,

President Jim Clapper called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at the Radnor Lake Visitors Center, Nashville, Tennessee.

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

Financial Report. Sam Davis presented the financial statements which were emailed to Board members in advance. The financials were approved as presented.

Budget Revision. Lucy, Shirley, Eric, and Sam met to review the budget. Revenues are down – grants are down. But expenditures to date are also down. Talked about ways to increase the membership base to attract new contributors.

1. Specific targeted mailer to lifetime members could possibly add several thousand dollars to revenue.
2. Beth – Board needs to step up to demonstrate our commitment to the organization.
3. Target membership.

A committee will work on the letter – Trent, Lisa, Sam, and Shirley.

Resolution for John McFadden for DROP work. Tabled.

Nominating Committee. Trent will chair. Want to make sure we get a good cross-section of membership. Need to elect 18 board members. Eric Fisher and Charlie Wilkerson will assist.

Canoe and Kayak School. We will need a volunteer to coordinate next year's school

Conservation Committee. Rob Karwedsky reported. The legislative session has ended – some won, some lost. 36 folks came to the Mill Creek clean up. The Zoo found some Nashville crayfish.

River Access. Patty Shultz reported. REI has nominated TSRA Access for a grant - \$5,000. The committee is applying for an RTP grant for 4 access points on the Harpeth River. Lucy, Buddy, and Trent can help with the RTP grant. The Southeastern Water Trails Forum wants us to inform our members of their event in October. There was discussion of how best to do this.

Community Shares. Lisa McCarter reported. The Public Relations committee will get points for those committee members who attend meetings. Lisa is on this committee. We now have 68 points – 1/2 of the total needed for the year.

Music City Triathlon. Jim Clapper asked for volunteers to help with swimming portion. Daniel will coordinate this.

Dragon Boat. Jim Clapper. Dragon Boat Race is August 22nd. CRC agreed to 12% of standard entry fee per boat. We need to recruit volunteers and recruit boats. There was discussion of boats for TSRA's participation.

Directory Update. Shirley Amitrano reported. She will contact Johnny Fussell for help in setting up data.

Database Updates. Shirley reported. Will try to send out personalized newsletter in July. Automatic renewal letter should be ready in a few months.

Membership Numbers and Ideas to Recapture Members. Shirley brought this topic to the board. Henry suggested sending a paper newsletter or postcard 2 times per year to all members. Jim suggested a committee to work on contact strategy.

Grant Seeking. Lucy reported that we had received a Clean Stream Grant for \$1000 for the Hatchie River. Connor Franklin will do 2 clean ups. Shirley Amitrano said we need project champions.

Swift water Rescue Clinic and General River Safety. Trent – Basic River Rescue sign-ups are going well. The Forrest Service needs to be notified and safety plan filed.

Charlie and Woody are going to start tracking for Swift water Rescue training and certification. Lisa asked if the Pam Floyd money could be used to pay for their training. It can be used.

TSRA used to have a position of Safety Chair. The paperwork part is covered. Jim asked Woody to be Safety Chair and he consented. Trent will draw up a job description.

Henry reminded that now is the time to start pushing for online waivers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry K. Beard