

Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association
Board Meeting
June 24, 2010

Time & Place: 7:00 p.m., Radnor Lake Visitor Center, Nashville

Present: D. Boone, J. Clapper, E. Fisher, T. Ganstine, C. Grissom, R. Karwedsky, G. Levine, S. Logan, L. McCarter, J. McCool, D. Pelren, M. Quarles, D. Safer, P. Shultz, H. Stacy, and C. Wilkerson

Absent: S. Davis, J. Lyle, B. Williams and F. Worthington

Guests: Lucy Garrabrants and Scott Strausbaugh,

President Trent Ganstine called the meeting to order.

MINUTES:

Fanci was not present to present the May minutes and they were not distributed in advance to the Board. These will be reviewed next month (July) with the June minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

We ended May with a surplus, but a deficit of \$3,409.00 for the year. We received \$1,000.00 from the ACA/ L.L. Bean grant. Our revenue from Canoe/Kayak School was almost \$4,000.00, but our full expenses for this event are not known yet. Expenses for instructor training in May were about \$700.00.

The financial report was approved as submitted.

CONSERVATION:

Daniel reported that "Healthways" conducted a clean-up of Mill Creek in mid June on a Thursday with several hundred of their employees off the McRedmonds' property near I-40. Daniel helped organize it for them.

Rob reported that a wall of the Rogers Group quarry near Richland Creek in Nashville collapsed. In an effort to repair this there is a proposal to fill part of the creek and relocate the creek. TEC, HRWA and others are opposing this plan. The Army Corps has to approve a permit for this. There is a total of about 800 feet of stream that would be relocated. June 29th is the deadline for public comments to the Corps and on July 1 Metro Solid Waste Commission is going to hear a variance request. TSRA will send a letter to the Corps asking for a public hearing on the matter.

A motion was made to approve funding of \$1,000.00 for the Tennessee Conservation Voters legislative scorecard for 2010, which we have traditionally helped to fund. The motion carried without opposition.

TEC, HRWA and Cumberland River Compact are applying to the Maddox Foundation for a \$160,000.00 grant. If they are successful, they want TSRA to partner with them to do riparian restoration, access projects and clean-ups in 2011. The projects focus is on education and disadvantaged kids. Our portion would be \$5,000.00 and we would not have to match the funds.

ACCESS PROJECTS:

Patty reported that the RTP grant for \$48,000.00 was awarded to us for four access points on the Harpeth River (Newsome Mill, Highway 249, the Narrows, and Highway 70). We are working with the ADA groups to try to accommodate their interests, because many of the access points are on Metro land. A meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2010 in Murfreesboro to discuss how grant money is accessed.

An REI grant has been applied for (\$6,000-\$7,000) to repair the Kingston Springs site, which was blown out during the flood in May.

COMMUNITY SHARES:

Lisa reported that we received our first payment for 2010 from Community Shares in June. It was \$4,764.92, down almost \$1,000.00 from last year. Some discussion ensued about the percentage CS takes from every donation to TSRA, as well as our membership dues. Every member organization in CS must pay annual dues. Our allotted payments that we receive from CS are generally higher than any of the other environmental member groups in CS.

Lisa also recognized Jim Clapper for inviting CS to make a presentation to his company. That will garner us about half the necessary access/fundraising points that we need in 2010.

LOST LOON RACE:

Jim Clapper reported that this race, which was cancelled due to the flood in May, has been rescheduled for August 29, 2010. There are 80 teams and they will need volunteer assistance due to the crowds. They would like three to four open boaters on the water to monitor people, as well as people on land to help. The race organizer wants to designate TSRA as its beneficiary in 2011.

CANOE/KAYAK SCHOOL:

Trent stated that we had a good turn-out. With Gene's assistance we tried to arrange for the use of recyclables for meals this year, but Famous Dave's, which catered the event, provided plastic plates when we were expecting paper. We did purchase metal utensils for re-use and used them at this school. A decision was also made to purchase plastic reusable plates and cups with the TSRA logo on them for future events.

We had someone who is disabled and who was interested in coming to the school, so Heather did some research to find someone to assist us in accommodating his needs. She found that the Siskin Rehabilitation Unit at Erlanger Hospital has an apparatus to help someone get into a boat. The person in question, however, ended up backing out and not coming to the school. We need to pursue this though in the event we get similar interest in the future.

TSRA BROCHURES:

Per Scott, we are waiting on pricing, but the design has been finalized. A question was raised, however, as to whether the new brochure includes a statement as to our nonprofit status. It was suggested that this be added if it is not on there.

SWIFT WATER RESCUE CLINIC:

Jim McCool reported that there are already twenty-one signed up for the clinic July 10-11 and eleven signed up for the August 21-22 clinic. The latter was added due to high demand. Eight firemen signed up and agreed to join TSRA and some park rangers are also coming. The firemen are paying in full for their training, but we will provide each of them a one year membership using money out of the Spangler Fund.

FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMENDATIONS:

Metro Nashville sent Trent an e-mail personally thanking TSRA for our assistance in recovery efforts during the May flood. They asked for a list of our members' names (it appears over 40 of our members participated).

DRAGON BOAT RACES:

Trent reported that there are about 15-20 teams committed so far. TSRA needs to have at least one boat. We will do a notice in the newsletter to see if we can garner more interest among our membership to get sufficient paddlers. We will have an online sign-up and it was suggested that we ask for \$10.00 per person, as we did last year.

ANNUAL MEETING:

New Board members will be elected at this meeting in September. We need to get names on a ballot for printing in the newsletter by August. Board members are encouraged to find possible nominees. Some discussion ensued as to whether to allow long distance attendance at Board meetings via telephone conference and/or Skype. This discussion was tabled.

TSRA FUNDRAISING:

Trent reported that we have an opportunity for another grant from AWA. The deadline is July 31st. There are two grants at \$1,250.00 each for access/ river safety projects. Mark Quarles stated that he would be interested in finding ways to assist the disabled in learning to paddle and he may look into this for the AWA grant.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.