

**Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association
Board Meeting
April 23, 2009**

Present: Ambrose, Beard, Boone, Boord, Clapper, Davis, Fisher, Ganstine, Logan, Lyle, McCarter, Shultz, Spencer, Wilkerson, Williams

Absent: Hart, Karwedsky, Kelsey, Koonce, Strausbaugh

Guests: Lucy Garrabrants, Shirley Amitrano

President Jim Clapper called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at the Radnor Lake Visitors Center, Nashville, Tennessee.

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

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

School Scholarships. Shirley Amitrano requested guidance on giving TSRA school scholarships to groups for fundraisers. The Board approved a motion to permit the Operations Manager to give two scholarships per school to non-profits for fundraisers without further notification to the Board.

Dragon Boat. Jim Clapper. The group met with CRC who had a Board member present as well as the Director. A copy of the proposal TSRA submitted to CRC was passed out to each Board member. The Board approved the proposal. We are now waiting for CRC to respond.

Conservation Committee. Daniel Boone passed around a sign-up sheet for the Mill Creek clean-up. There was no other conservation report.

Percy Priest Clean-up. Jim Clapper reported that Tim Keen is coordinating TSRA's involvement. Would like to have a TSRA booth and volunteers. Will put information on website and in e-mail blast along with Mill Creek clean-up.

River Access. Patty reported that she had rewritten and sent the letter to Gerald Nicely. The committee has asked for a water tsar and it looks as if TDEC will have one under the reorganization. The Access Committee has been nominated for an REI grant and Chuck said he might be able to come up with some additional funds.

On Jones Creek, there are several small parcels of land for sale. \$150,000 could get 12 miles of blueway on Jones Creek. Asked that TSRA support this effort.

Steve and Patty met with Metro Greenways Commission. They are leaving an access place as they are doing greenways along rivers and streams. The Gossett Park site has been staked out. and 100 yards of trail and the platform has been built. Will put up signs that the platform was TSRA-built. Possibly give naming rights to funders.

At Bellevue, Metro Greenways will spend around \$40,000 for road and infrastructure and use an in-house contractor. Steve has applied for the ARAP and is trying to get permission for Harpeth State Park rangers to open and close the gates each day.

Charlie Wilkerson asked that the Obed junction be put on the access wish list.

Community Shares. Lisa McCarter reported. The Executive Director requested scholarships but it was at the last minute and we didn't do it. Will get points so will do it next year.

Grant Seeking. Shirley Amitrano asked for assistance in getting the boilerplate information so she can start seeking grants. There was discussion about how grants should be administered and if they should only directly involve TSRA volunteers or if TSRA would again administer a grant for another person to fulfill the requirements. Shirley will pursue one grant. Daniel Boone will speak to the individual and get additional information. Lucy informed the Board of a grant opportunity through American Whitewater.

Roll School. Jack Lyle said that Roll School accomplished one goal by not being thrown out of the pool and actually being invited back. Hasn't received the bill yet but has requested it multiple times. Would like TSRA to consider putting together a small fleet of boats. Instructors are about maxed out.

Instructor Seminar. Eric Fisher reported that 20+ people attended the seminar – 15 were new instructors. Spent a little of \$1500. The facility was great.

Intro School. Trent Ganstine reported that Intro School was coming right along. More than 15 students were signed up so far. He asked for volunteers for a Self-Rescue class on August 15-16.

Canoe and Kayak School. Beth Boord reported on the school on June 5-7. Still needs instructors. Gee Creek campground is lined up. Band for Saturday night. There will be classes for sea kayaks, canoes, rec boats, open boats, and kayaks.

Rendezvous. Lucy Garrabrants reported that approximately 125 people attended. The auction raised over \$3700. Revenues are over \$6000. Expenses so far are \$7030. Would like to do a survey as to what attendees liked or didn't like, etc.

Chris Arp Proposal. Jim Clapper reported that Chris Arp would like to work with TSRA to do a "genesis" film on the beginning of TSRA. It was suggested that perhaps he could use what film footage already done and edit it.

Meetings. Sherry Beard will plan a summer meeting as well and the Annual Meeting.

Directory. We need to get a directory out. Henry will look at the database to see how to pull information for the directory.

Renewals. We need to figure out how to get renewals. Beth and Steve will look at the situation with Shirley and make a recommendation to the Board.

Membership growth through "Meet Up". Sam Davis would like to try to pull in some of the Meet Up group into TSRA membership. Henry will ask Cumberland Transit to extend the gift certificate program. Sam will continue to speak with the group to see what develops.

Other. Barnett and Jack at Nolichucky on May 23rd. Need pamphlets at REI. Henry thanked the Rendezvous folks for a great time. Shirley collected any waivers still outstanding from Roll School.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry K. Beard