

Tennessee Park Rangers Association
Board Meeting
August 21, 2012
10:00 AM, Cedars of Lebanon State Park

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call and Attendance

Board Members	Members
Crystal Rich	
Andy Wright	
Rachel Lee	
Keith Wimberly	
Brad Halfacre	
Walter Pope	
Jeff Nicholson	

- III. Treasurer's Report
 - A. Jeff present bank statement
 - 1. \$40,645.21 in scholarship fund
 - 2. \$3,403.39 in checking account
 - 3. Rifles had been paid for, 25 rifles total.
 - 4. Savage Gulf Marathon \$2,503.75, Half went to Friends Groups, \$1251.00 to TPRA.
 - 5. Byrd Creek raised \$4,394.36.
 - 6. Thoughts about not putting all funds into scholarship fund.
 - 7. Ultra Sign up worked great!
 - 8. Expenses - flowers sent, awards to Steve, Randy, and Mike
 - 9. BRAT bills are paid from Scholarship Fund
 - 10. Membership 84 paid members
 - B. Treasurer's Report was approved and seconded.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Events - Monica Johnson, Chair
 - 1. Golf Tournament possibility
 - 2. Bass Tournament/ Circuit idea- for future fundraising activities
 - 3. Funds - change access and how we promote events- "Benefits to TPRA" .
 - 4. Friends Group Insurance and 10 Day License Agreements

5. Set a cap of \$50,000 or any event above the BRAT to go into the general fund. Word amendment- "Event proceeds other than the BRAT go to the General Fund, unless the Scholarship Fund drops below \$50,000."

- a. Amendment passed, Andy made motion, and Brad seconded, opposition.

no

B. Legislative Committee

1. Deputy Commissioner Hill is going to add the mandatory retirement action into the Governor's Budget.

2. Needs to support this legislative movement:

- a. Increase membership

- b. Survey with data utilizing Dr. Smartt and UTM Park and Rec Program to include the following data:

- i. Line of Duty Death and injury.

- ii. Benefits at retirement

- iii. 2nd largest LE department in the state, compare us to other agencies and departments

- iv. LE stats from prior years with Lori Jett, arrests,

- v. TN Ranger pay vs Other State Park Responsibilities vs.

- vi. Our

TIBRS,etc
systems and
others'.

Education/Training vs others'

- c. Be ready
- d.

to defend this legislative action by November.

Another support possibility - UT President to speak on our behalf.

- New ideas are positive

Fitness -

1. Inservice planning- bring the initiative back into the day program schedule.

2. Give aways to promote participation- T-shirts with patch and "Ranger Fitness Program".

3. Get Mike Robertson's support and his promotion of the program.

4. Bring back the Health Screenings to Inservice.

5. Competitive prizes

6. Healthy Snacks at breaks, sponsored by TPRA?

E. Awards - Ranger of the Year Nominations

1. Take nominations in October, will know recipient in December.

2. Check with Mike Cole about ROY plaque at Central Office.

3. Appreciation Award- Lori Jett, make plaque with TPRA symbol.

F. Scholarships -

1. Leadership school applications must be in by the 31st.

2. Edna Burgess holds the votes.

3. Attach resume' to Andy Wright to be considered for scholarship.

C. Uniforms
D.

4. Possibility of giving checks written to the conference for the training, so that Ranger does not have to front cost. Or allow CC payment at time of registration over phone with Jeff.

G. Rifles- Henry has agreed to do another production run if needed.

H. Reclassifications - JR Tinch is officially a Ranger 2.

V. New Business

A. Reducing Ranger Turn Over

1. Why are rangers leaving TSP?

a. Pay, benefits, misconception..

b. Make ranger concepts a standard in SIR training

i. At SIR inservice- promote work in the field, what we do, and promote TPRA.

really

B. TPRA Website -

1. Added new training calendar and e-mail requests to Bill.

2. Rifles sales needed a start and stop date.

3. Lots of interest in How to become a ranger.

4. Photo viewing set up through Flickr.

C. Savage Gulf

1. Is it a guarantee that TPRA will be a go next year- waiting confirmation.

on park

D. Annual Meeting

1. Date set for Wednesday night of 3rd inservice- February

2. Membership Drive

a. Table manned during breaks, presentation

6, 2013

during meeting.

VI. Meeting Adjourned.