

**Tennessee Park Rangers' Association  
Board Meeting  
11-08-2011  
10:00 AM, Edgar Evins State Park**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call and Attendance**  
Check attendance sheet.

**III. Old Business & Review of Previous Minutes**

- A. Minutes were e-mailed by Rachel, but were tabled to be approved at the annual meeting.

**IV. Treasurer Report**

- A. Approved, see attached report for details.
- B. \$28,000 to CTC from BRAT already paid.

**V. New Business**

- A. Great job and success with BRAT 2011, kudos to Ryan and Rob. Governor rode the 1<sup>st</sup> day.
- B. NAI Training was coordinated and held- April Welch.
- C. Training scholarships are approved by Andy and Erin, and they notify Jeff after approving for the check.
- D. State Rep are to notify new hires about the scholarship opportunities and the process.
- E. BRAT will be in East TN in 2012. Notify Ryan if any ranger wants to help.
- F. BRAT will host a spring ride, and Ryan will be attending training at Bike Directors Conference.
- G. Separate bank account for BRAT, the account must stay under \$55,000.
  - 1. Look into hiring an accountant to maintain funds.

**VI. Retirement Committee**

- A. Walter Pope has a powerpoint program on the retirement bill to be presented to Deputy Commissioner Hill.

**VII. Fitness Committee**

- A. No update.

**VIII. Ranger of the Year**

- A. December 1 deadline for submissions.

**IX. Events Committee**

- A. Byrd Creek Trail Run will be by May 12.

**X. Uniforms Committee**

- A. Patch- Policy states that patch is a division representation.
  - 1. Mike Cole suggested a policy developed to state proper procedure of wearing the shield.
  - 2. Mike will talk to Rachel and Crystal on this issue and presenting it to the board.
  - 3. Board and Committee agrees there needs to be a distinction between Rangers and other employees.
    - i. Suggestion of the Chest patch being only for rangers.
  - 4. Mike Cole joined the Uniform Committee.
  - 5. Continue this issue at the Annual Meeting.
    - a. Proposal and briefing for staff and administration.
    - b. Mike Robertson suggested TPRA take a stand and set the tradition and reasons we wear the patch and the uniform.

**XI. Scholarship Committee**

- A. Andy has had \$9940.10 in applications applied for, \$2531.10 have been approved.
- B. Pending SSPPS and Year 1
- C. State only pays for 4, but TPRA could pay for all if they choose.

**XII. BRAT**

- A. Save \$5,000-\$20,000 for next years start up.
- B. Spring Ride in April 20.
- C. Needs workers to obtain scholarships.
- D. TDEC/C \$400.00
- E. Whole Foods \$2000.00
- F. Keep TN Beautiful \$500.00
- G. Regions \$2000.00 Pending
- H. REI \$2000.00 Pending
- I. BlueCross Blue Shield Pending
- J. Thoughts about working the BRAT – “On the Clock vs. Off the Clock

**XIII. Website Committee**

- A. No uniform allotment so no ordering form.
- B. Nominations posted online.
- C. PayPal fees are losing money with registrations.
- D. Rifle information to be posted and ordering info.

**XIV. Rifle**

- A. Prices- .357- \$740.92, 22 - \$498.50
- B. Payment cut one check to pay for all rifles.
- C. Rangers can pay by Check, CC, or money order
- D. Auction off the show gun and money goes to TPRA.
- E. Deadline is March 15 for orders, send payment to Jeff at Harrison Bay.

**XV. Scholarship Eligibility for Professional Members**

- A. Vote on whether or not non-ranger members are eligible for scholarships.
- B. Voted No, By-Laws state that it doesn't meet our policy.

**XVI. Open Discussion**

- A. Planners- Erin will have at 2<sup>nd</sup> Inservice
- B. Have an appreciation plaque created for Lori Jett.
- C. Mike made a motion for the beginning of an Appreciation Award.  
Passed – not an annual award.

**XVII. Adjourned.**