

**Tennessee Park Rangers' Association
Board Meeting
08-16-2011
10:00 AM, Longhunter State Park**

I. Pre-Meeting Business

- A. Mr. Carlton addressed the Board with several pieces of information before the meeting was called to order.
1. Previously the food from State Parks for the BRAT had been JV'd to the department. This year that will not happen which will effect the percentage of return to the TPRA.
 2. Cummins Falls will be designated as a park and has two positions that will currently be interim overlaps. There is some risk in transferring into these positions if for some reason the positions are not budgeted into next year's budget.
 3. Hiring new employees needs to find a new direction. DoHR will not open the Ranger register, Graduate Trainee is being phased out, and looking at title changes or using the Interpretive Specialist Register which is easier to work.
- B. Shane Petty also addressed the group concerning uniforms and training.
1. Considering the 5.11 Dress shirt to replace our current ones. Order enough to wear with the 75th Anniversary patch to try out.
 2. New training calendar will include instructor courses for firearms, driving, and defensive tactics. This will lighten the load on Ranger Program and allow more area trainings.
 3. Inservice will be held next year in the traditional manner.
 4. PLEA Conference to be held in Tennessee in 2013.

II. Call to Order

III. Roll Call and Attendance

Board Members Present:

Erin Medley
Jeff Nicholson
Walter Pope
Crystal Rich
Rachel Lee
Andy Wright
Ray Cutcher
Keith Wimberley
Brad Halfacre
Josh Howard
Bill Knapp

Members Present:

Randy Hedgepath
Nancy Dorman
Ryan Forbess
Rob Sherill
Michael Robertson
Mike Carlton
Allen Fenoseff
Bill Loewer

IV. Old Business & Review of Previous Minutes

- A. Minutes reviewed and approved.

V. Treasurer Report

- A. Approved, see attached report for details.

VI. Byrd Creek Trail Run

- A. Partial amount of the proceeds from the run to return to CMSP to be used in the JR. Ranger program.
- B. Tabled until Monica is able to discuss amounts and if the TPRA can manage the funds similar to the way the funding is handled for the BRAT.

VII. BRAT

- A. BRAT funds need its own separate account and a debit card with Ryan Forbess as the primary user.
- B. Ryan would then be able to deposit and retrieve funds in a timely fashion. Will also keep funds separate to avoid confusion.
- C. Motion was made to create a separate account and issue Ryan a payment card. Motion passed.
- D. Spring ride has been approved and would be a short weekend ride.

VIII. Scholarship

- A. Alter the cap for the scholarship to be established on an individual case.
- B. Motion was made and Approved.

IX. Commitees

- A. Scholarship Comm:

Chairman- Andy Wright

Ryan Forbess

Bill Knapp

Keith Wimberly

Chris Padgett

Erin Medley

Ray Cutcher

- B. Physical Fitness:

Chair – Ray Cutcher

Crystal Rich

- C. Ranger of Year:

Chair- Erin Medley

Brad Halfacre

- D. Legislative

Chair – Rachel Lee

Mike Robertson

Chris Padgett

Warren Douglas

Walter Pope

E. Maternity Policy and Uniform:

Chair – Rachel Lee

Crystal Rich

F. Events:

Nancy Dorman Randy Hedgepath

G. We need to send an e-mail to field to update committee list. Some names may be missing from the meeting also.

X. Retirement Bill – Mike Robertson

A. 149 Responses to the online survey for support, there were 6 No's.

B. Board made a motion to move forward with pursuing the bill, motion was approved.

C. Next step will be a committee meeting with Brock Hill.

XI. Website

A. Bill went over visitation numbers to the website

B. Commented on updates to the uniform site.

C. Discussed updating the scholarship information

XII. New Business

A. CIG Training

1. NAI CIG standard

2. 1st class in September- 30 students

3. Will be offered annually with CEU's to keep up certification

B. February- TSP's will host Regional Interpretive Workshop at Montgomery Bell. Will need programs, presenters, and attendees.

C. JR Ranger Camps were funded through a grant with Project Diabetes. Also funded 2 positions

D. Camp Hazelwood received funding also with 2 positions.

E. Commemorative Rifle- Jeremy Vaden will have sample and information for the next meeting.

XIII. Meeting Adjourned.

H. Open Discussion – 75th Anniversary Commemorative Firearm

A. Jeremy Vaden brought information about the Henry Repeater and details on cost and calibers. Board should decide if they want to handle the money and orders. Discussion was tabled and will be continued at the next meeting.

I. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned.