

ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 31, 1967

8:00 p.m., Unitarian Church, Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, Tennessee

TCWP is now officially one year old and has accomplished great things in its first year of existence. The Annual Meeting will be devoted to:

1. Progress Reports (Smokies, rivers, stripmine legislation, trails, other business) in which we shall attempt to bring you the very latest information, while at the same time summarizing the whole year.
2. Organizational Business
 - a. Election of new officers
 - b. Financial report
 - c. Adoption of Constitution and Bylaws

We feel that what we do is much more important than how we organize, and therefore hope to keep the second part of the meeting as short as possible. Various circumstances require us to have a constitution and bylaws. The draft prepared by the Board of Directors follows. Please read it prior to the meeting so we can vote on this with the greatest possible dispatch.

Lee Russell, Editor

CONSTITUTION

TENNESSEE CITIZENS FOR WILDERNESS PLANNING (TCWP) is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to the care of Tennessee's superb natural environment. The objectives of TCWP are the following: to plan imaginatively for the safekeeping of wilderness areas for enjoyment, education, and scientific study; to discuss, develop, review, and coordinate proposals and plans concerning wilderness in the context of sound and long-range regional, social, and economic planning and development; to communicate the results of our deliberations to fellow citizens and government officials in local, state, and federal government; to participate with governing bodies in the making of wilderness and other policies in the interest of managing wild land and water resources; to nourish continuing and ever more sophisticated care for wild lands and waters for the benefit of individuals living today and in the future.

ARTICLE I. Membership

All persons interested in the purposes and objectives of TCWP shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall not be limited by location of residence. Each member in good standing except corresponding members shall be entitled to one vote.

ARTICLE II. Officers

The officers of the organization shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. In addition, there shall be five Directors, one of which shall be the previous year's President, unless reelected. These nine persons shall constitute the Board of Directors. The terms of office shall be from January 1 to December 31. All officers and directors may be reelected.

Election of officers and directors shall be held at the annual meeting by means of written ballots. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of one or two candidates for each of the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Additional nominations will be entertained from the floor and entered on the ballot. Following the election for officers, a second ballot shall be presented for additional directors. This must contain at least seven names proposed by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor may be added and may include candidates defeated in the previous balloting for officers. The membership shall vote for five or four directors, depending on whether or not the past President was or was not reelected.

ARTICLE III. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall consist of a chairman and two other members and shall be elected at the annual meeting by written ballot. A slate of at least five names shall be presented by the current Nominating Committee. The membership shall vote for three.

ARTICLE IV. Meetings

There shall be three types of meetings: (a) an annual meeting, to be held in October, at which business is transacted and annual progress reports are presented; (b) other meetings, held at approximately one- or two-month intervals, devoted to presentation of special programs, e.g., illustrated lectures, panels, or discussions of specialized subjects; (c) outings, such as hikes, picnics, or float trips. Meetings are organized by various Board members and Committees (as outlined in the bylaws) but can also be called by a quorum of the membership. A quorum shall consist of 10% of the eligible membership.

ARTICLE V. Bylaws

Bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of members voting at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI. Amendments

Proposed amendments to the Constitution must be signed by at least four members, be submitted to the Secretary by September 1, and be communicated to the membership at least two weeks before the annual meeting. Constitutional amendments may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of members voting at the annual meeting. Bylaws may be amended at the annual meeting by a majority vote of members present.

BYLAWS

Finances and Dues

The organization shall obtain operating expenses from membership dues and from contributions by individuals, groups, and foundations. Expenses in excess of \$30 must be approved by a majority of the Board of Directors; between \$10 and \$30 by at least three Directors. A Treasurer's Report shall be presented at each annual meeting and, if necessary, more often.

Dues are as follows:

Junior member (age 18 and under)	\$ 0.50
Regular member, individual	3.00
Regular members, husband and wife (each with one vote)	5.00
Sustaining member	10.00
Supporting member	20.00
Life member	50.00
Corresponding member (no vote)	1.00

Dues are on an annual basis, from January 1 to December 31. Advance payment shall be due January 1. Members joining after July 1 of any year shall be assessed only half the year's dues. Dues include subscription to the Newsletter, but husband-and-wife members shall receive only one subscription.

Publications

TCWP shall publish a Newsletter at approximately one- or two-month intervals. This should contain announcements of meetings or outings, calls for action by members, reports and announcements of activities that are of interest to TCWP (including selected items pertaining to related organizations), and official business of TCWP.

The Editor of the Newsletter shall be appointed by the President and may but need not be a member of the Board.

Duties of Officers

1. The President shall preside at the annual meeting and at Directors' meetings. He may also preside at other meetings, or he may appoint a chairman. He shall appoint outings and publicity committees and such other committees and representatives as may be needed. All regular committees must be appointed by January 1. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer, the President shall appoint an active member to serve for the remainder of the year.
2. The Vice-President shall assist the President in all of his functions, shall preside in the absence of the President, and shall become President in the event of a vacancy in that office. The Vice-President shall be in charge of programs and shall appoint a Program Committee to assist him.
3. The Secretary shall keep records of open meetings and Board meetings. He shall assist with distribution of Newsletters and other communications to the membership and with miscellaneous clerical tasks, if required. At least four weeks before the annual meeting, the Secretary shall furnish the Editor, for inclusion in the Newsletter: (a) the slate of Officers, Directors, and new Nominating Committee prepared by the Nominating Committee, and (b) any proposed amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws. He shall arrange for paper ballots to be available at the annual meeting.
4. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the organization and shall bill members for dues. At the annual meeting, he shall present a financial report. The Treasurer shall keep an up-to-date file of the membership, entering thereon any data requested by the Board, e.g., committee service, special interests, etc. The membership list can be used in the interests of TCWP, as directed by the Board.

Committees

1. The Board of Directors shall meet every three months, or more often if required, five board members constituting a quorum. The Board is authorized to make policy decisions and to transact all business for the organization between annual meetings. It may cooperate with any other group or individual to advance the interest of the organization and may take actions on questions outside of Tennessee when such actions are believed beneficial to TCWP's basic purposes.
2. The Nominating Committee shall prepare slates of officers, other directors, and a new nominating committee, as specified by the Constitution. At least five weeks before the annual meeting, these shall be sent to the Secretary.
3. The Program Committee, to be appointed by the Vice-President, shall, on request, provide lists of possible programs. It shall make arrangements for renting a hall and for all physical requirements, including any special equipment needed.
4. The Outings Committee shall present to the Board a list of possible outings. After dates have been fixed, the committee shall scout the trips and make any local arrangements required. At least four weeks prior to an outing, all pertinent data shall be transmitted to the Editor of the Newsletter for circulation to the membership.
5. The Publicity Committee shall publicize, as widely as possible, through the press, by means of posters, etc., all the regular activities of the organization. In addition, special news releases may be authorized by the Board of Directors.
6. Special committees shall be appointed by the President to deal with specific problems as they arise. Chairmen of these committees shall report to the Board of Directors as requested.