

Members Committee Report

(TAI Members Committee)

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ANOTHER VICTORY FOR MEMBERS

Thousand Adventures, Inc. lost its bid to dismiss the claims of members in an ill-fated effort to file bankruptcy and then liquidate the company in Houston, Texas. The Texas judge transferred the case back to Iowa where the members already have a competent attorney and a successful class-action lawsuit on behalf of ALL TAI members.

The Iowa court has the background, and the will to pursue this company and its practices across the country. It now has the authority to also recover assets that may have been improperly transferred to the benefit of others. This is a watershed event that has favorable implications for members.

This action by the Texas court provides an avenue, in Iowa, by which these assets might be pulled back into the parent company where they belong.

Only time will tell what, if anything, we can salvage from the ashes of TAI. The U.S. Trustee in Iowa, the Chapter 7 Trustee and his attorney, and Mr. Napier, the members' attorney, understand the case and understand the members' position. We are finally on the right track.

What's next? Now it is time to go after the assets, to set aside improper transfers, make the officers appear under oath for examination, to get hold of company documents, etc. in order to recover and make use of assets that belong to the company. All of us would like to have an understanding of the time frame in which these things will unfold. Unfortunately, we also know that it is not likely to be fast enough.

In the meantime, **complete the proof-of-claim forms on the last two pages of this newsletter and send them to the address on the top of the form. Do it right away.** They have tried to slip away from us twice. Let's not give up!

REMEMBER
—WE MUST STICK TOGETHER—
WE ALL WIN - OR WE ALL LOSE!

There can be NO FACTIONS. Don't let anyone divide our efforts into factions. That is a common mistake and an unsavory tactic. We want to preserve the rights of ALL members.

The TAI Members' Committee will keep you posted on developments as they occur via these newsletters.

DO I HAVE TO PAY DUES?

— NO! —

The V.P. of TAI testified under oath at a hearing in Des Moines, IA, attended by the Chairman of the TAI Members' Committee that "No TAI member has to pay dues to Travel America if they don't want to use the facilities. All they have to do is send a letter telling us so." It was clear then and now, that the statement was intended to apply to TAI members and former members all across the United States and elsewhere. (TAI has (had) members in most states in the US, Canada, the United Kingdom, Japan, the Philippines, etc.) The reader should note that the TAI V.P. testifying under oath was (is?) also a representative of Travel America.

The TAI Members' Committee is not sure that Travel America has any right to demand anything from you, even a letter. If you decide to "cover your bases," note the following:

This editor would suggest that you include a statement in your letter about when and why you stopped paying your dues and if you think they owe you a refund of your unused dues and other unused fees. That might be when you learned about attorneys general suing them for fraud, misrepresentation, or other 'unconscionable acts'. It might be when they violated/broke your contract. It might be when you tried to use the promised facilities and found them to be 'not as promised by the salesman at the time of sale.' Etc.

You should attach a copy of the application you sent to Mr. Napier, when you joined the class-action lawsuit.

Send a copy of this TAI letter to Mr. Napier.

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Another Offer for TAI 'Orphans'

A note from: Roy and Linda Reich (Owners)
Fort John Riverfront Resort
Smithville, OK

All TAI and Presidents Club members are invited to transfer their existing Coast to Coast memberships into our resort for annual dues of \$99 (or alternately, a one-time fee of \$399.00-NO HOME PARK DUES for the life of your membership) plus \$4.00 per night that you use our park . You can stay 21 days per month.

If you have any questions, call toll free 888-738-5646 or visit our web site at www.fortjohn.com

We think you'll like us and want to stay!

The TAI Members' Committee does not solicit advertising from campground operators. We will, however, pass on what we think sounds like a legitimate offer. LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!

I'm looking for my friends John & Margaret Yager. Please contact the Committee if you find them - Thank you, Dan

IOWA HEARING IN A NUTSHELL:

(FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN - NEXT PAGE)

Basically, TAI has not provided the information, documents, etc., that the court required in the Chapter 11 application or the Chapter 7 conversion. The Chapter 7 Trustee will have the support of the Federal Government to force compliance with the rules and the law. My sense of the matter is that he has the will to do so if necessary. The Chapter 7 Trustee, Mr. Lam and his attorney, Mr. Childers, seem to be very good at their jobs. Understand, I have seen \$3-400 per hour bankruptcy attorneys at work in at least a half-dozen states. These two won't have to walk two steps behind any of them!

So what happened at the hearing? 1) the Judge ordered the TAI to file accurate, adequate documents within 3 weeks and that Mr. Lam find a satisfactory way to notify TAI members of the bankruptcy and their right to file a proof of claim, 2) Records stuck in a warehouse in Nebraska by Ken Vopnford and Gary Patricelli must be protected, 3) There appeared to be some concern that the Texas attorney for the Debtor get paid an appropriate amount, 4) Must be an accounting of money paid to Mr. O'Hanlon's firm, and 5) a "Complaint for Preliminary Injunction and to Recover Fraudulent Conveyance" will be filed against Travel America and RV Holdings. This is expected to recover assets that might have been improperly transferred out of Thousand Adventures, Inc.

ALABAMA

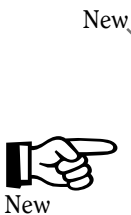
Thousand Adventures of Alabama, Inc., and DBV of Alabama, Inc. filed petitions for Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganizations in Alabama (case numbers 97-00053 and 97-00052 respectively.) Both cases were subsequently dismissed for noncompliance with the bankruptcy code. Documents were not properly filed and/or were not accurate.

TAI of Alabama has now reapplied for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in a different jurisdiction of the Alabama bankruptcy system.

They (TAI Subsidiaries) have not identified members of TA of Alabama as creditors, as they have been required to do in other states. We are attempting to engage the Alabama corporation in a proper and constructive discussion of the rights of the Alabama members and the rights of members across the country as those rights relate to the Alabama assets.

The Alabama bankruptcy system is not based on the "Bankruptcy Trustee" system that we are familiar with. They have a "Bankruptcy Administrator" instead. That's not necessarily bad, just different (we hope.) We will try to learn if and how we might make your rights and concerns known.

HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMITTEE:



- Internet Site: <http://www.bv.net/~taimembers..> (News summaries, useful info)
- eMail Address: taimembers@aol.com (We check it daily and respond ASAP.)
- Voice Hotline: [\(937\) 236-1007](tel:(937)236-1007) (Leave a message-we will call back collect ASAP.)
(Headlines from newsletter, court dates.)

Send us a letter:
Treasurer, TAI Members' Committee
4740 Silver Oak Street
Dayton, Ohio 45424-4650

Get the newsletter:
Send us 5 or 6 Stamped, Self addressed,
Business size (#10) envelopes
(Same address)

REMEMBER, your donations make all our activities possible... traveling to and presenting member concerns to hearings in various states and then publishing these newsletters. We have NO OTHER SOURCE OF INCOME and our volunteers are in the hole. Please help if you can. You are not required to donate in order to get the newsletters but it does help. Send us your SASEs.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ATTENDS IOWA HEARINGS

— Presents Member Concerns

— Assures Continuity of Corporate Testimony

The Committee Chairman attended the 27 Feb 98 - 341 Meeting of Creditors, the 2004 Deposition of a TAI Official, and the 4 Mar 98 status hearing in Des Moines, IA.

A great deal was learned relating to the administration of the TAI assets, the use of personnel, the involvement of other interests in the property of TAI and in the membership notes that many TAI members signed when they joined.

The TAI representative was Mr. Steve Alleman (again), V.P. of TAI and a representative of Travel America. Typically, he didn't know the answer to any of the questions that made a difference and he had "No first-hand" knowledge of many of the other questions. He did state, under oath, that "No TAI member has to pay dues to Travel America." (See article on page 1.) *It is apparently necessary to depose Mr. Alleman before moving on to other fish in the pond.*

It has been clear for some time that any effort to conserve the assets (parks in this case) would depend upon the cooperation and good will of the members. To date, no TAI or other corporate representative, has made an effort to discuss the future of TAI members with anyone on the TAI Members' Committee who represents their interests. Only minimal contact has been made with the attorney, Mr. Napier, who represents members who feel that they have been cheated and want to be made whole.

TAI officials at all levels seem determined to be adversaries of any member who wants to know his rights.

The Status Conference on the involuntary bankruptcy of TAI helped to understand what the problems of the Trustee, the Judge, and the Chapter 7 Trustee are.

(See Iowa Meetings in a Nutshell - previous page)

**Notice to Ohio Members:
There will be another meeting of
Members in Dayton, Ohio, at the
Wright State Student Union on 29
March 98 at 2:30 PM. (Last Sunday in
March.) All MEMBERS and FORMER
MEMBERS are welcome to attend.
This is NOT a TAI sales pitch.**

OHIO MEMBERS MEET

Members of TAI met in Dayton, Ohio on Sunday, 22 Jan 98, on February 22, and plan to meet on March 29 at the Wright State Student Union to learn about the latest events relating to the bankruptcies, etc., of Thousand Adventures. A surprise visitor, Mr. Steve Alleman, V.P. of TA of Ohio, attended the January meeting. He was invited to explain why the Kansas Judge in the TA of Kansas bankruptcy was so upset about company representatives apparently making false statements under oath. Mr. Alleman elected not to address the gathering.

The TAI representatives in the Kansas case are apparently the same ones who have appeared in Ohio, Florida, and other states as representatives of Thousand Adventures.

Carl and Elaine Roland become GRANDPARENTS!

Carl and Elaine Roland, our Treasurer and his favorite girlfriend (wife), Elaine, are new grandparents. Their new grandbaby and her mommy are in New Hampshire-way up north. For this and for health reasons, they feel that they must pass the torch to others to take care of our finances and mail out the newsletters.

Those of us on the Committee and members who have supported our activities wish to express our deep appreciation for the heartfelt concern and selfless dedication of Carl and Elaine. Any good that we have accomplished was only possible because of their dedicated efforts. Anything less than perfect, we are convinced, must have been done against their best advice. They are needed now by their children. I hope Elaine will someday be able to make some more of her famous Jalapeno Jelly.

We view the loss of Carl and Elaine as a crisis, but, it seems that now is an appropriate time to relocate the center of Committee activity.

COMMITTEE RELOCATES

We are in the process of relocating our "Home Office" to Ohio. The Hotline has already been moved:

(937) 236-1007

Mail and other functions of the Committee have already been moved from Florida to Ohio also so that we can stay in better communication with you.

Envelopes that you have already sent to Florida have been shipped to the Ohio location so that you will continue to get the newsletters, etc. Envelopes, etc. that you have sent to Nancy Gray in Nebraska will continue to be processed for her by Mrs. Cathy Torske and Mr. Don Gerbeling in Lincoln.

We're working hard trying to make a real difference.

=====> **Important — ASAP: Copy this blank form and
give it to other members and former members** <=====
Thousand Adventures, Inc. – Class Action Information Sheet

Please fill out and mail to:

Napier, Wolf & Napier
TAI Class Action
607 Eighth Street, Suite One
Fort Madison, IA 52627

Date: _____

Name: _____

Street : _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ - _____

Date Membership Purchased ____/____/____ Type of Membership _____
(6/10/99 year, Pioneer/Trial/Centennial, etc.)

Do you still have your membership?

If YES: Annual Dues = \$ _____

Where do you send dues (and membership payments?)

If NO: Sold? Selling Price: \$ _____ Did Thousand Adventures Sell it? Yes ___ No ___

Transferred? To whom? _____ When? ____/____/____

Date sold, transferred, dropped, etc.?: ____/____/____

Problems with Thousand Adventures:

____ Didn't honor resale agreement

____ Was told that I couldn't sell membership

____ Sold membership but didn't pay

____ Sold membership and received only partial payments

____ Didn't receive promised prizes/discounts

____ Didn't receive promised services - Campground Facilities

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We were **VICTIMS** - we felt helpless and sad.

Now we are **VETERANS** and we are angry!

We are determined to be **VICTORS**..

— **YOU** — Can help your friend, your neighbor, at your next campsite.

- Make sure you have sent your proof of claim to the Iowa Bankruptcy Court. Every member should do so right away! (It's in this newsletter.)
- Be sure you have sent Mr. Napier, the class-action attorney, your form to register for the class-action lawsuit. (It's in this newsletter too.)
- Make several copies of this newsletter and give one to each of your friends.

THIS IS IMPORTANT!

So many of your letters have asked “”What can I do?”

Now you know...

Your prayers, your good wishes, your donations have gotten us this far. Your letters to your congressmen, to the Consumer Protection offices of the Attorneys General in your states, your encouragement to this Committee and to Mr. Napier have gotten results. Don't stop those efforts, but don't overlook the direct, immediate actions that you need to take now.

- 1) Proof of Claim to the Iowa Bankruptcy Court.
- 2) Register for the Class Action with Mr. Napier
- 3) Copy and redistribute the newsletters to others.

You may have heard us say many times “We all win - or we ALL lose.”

Well, let's start acting like **WINNERS**. Get mad and fight!

AND ANOTHER THING...

Everyone of you is somebody's mother, father, son, daughter, or friend. Make sure they know what has happened to you. Don't be ashamed to tell them. You didn't do anything dumb or wrong. You paid a hefty price for a reasonable service. So did a lot of other folks.

GET MAD — TAKE CONTROL — DO IT NOW!

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