



5/1/2005 – The Appalachian Bear Center Thanks Retiring Board Members Tom Brosch and Bob Powell for Their Long Term Service.

Jack Burgin, President of the Appalachian Bear Center, announced the “retirement” of Tom Brosch and Bob Powell from the Board of Directors.

Tom Brosch served as President of the Board for a number of years. Tom was the founder of the modern ABC. He successfully guided it through several years of growth and is principally responsible for ABC being what it is today. Most everyone will remember that for years, Tom owned and operated the Happy Hiker in Gatlinburg. Tom was tireless in his support for the Bear Center. With his never ending good humor, Tom was always present for every event and had a way of always making everyone feel welcome.

The Board will miss Tom’s regular presence and guidance at its meetings but fortunately, Tom has agreed to stay on the Board as an Advisory Board Member.

For several years, Bob Powell, a member of Powell Hayes and Company in Pittman Center, served on the Executive Committee of the Board as the Treasurer. Somehow Bob always made sure ABC paid all of its bills on time. ABC benefited immensely from Bob’s financial advice. Bob has kindly agreed to continue helping ABC in its accounting and tax matters.

ABC is where it is today because Tom Brosch and Bob Powell generously donated their time so that bears could have a second chance.