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Minutes of the TATC Board Meeting, Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Attending Board Members: Juliet Stephenson, Jim Sexton, Amanda Hartwig, Mark Wenger, Mark Ferguson, Bruce Julian, Ned Kuhns, Bob Giffin, Mark VanZandt, Bob Mooney, Steve Rosenthal.

The meeting was called to order by president Juliet Stephenson at 7pm. Juliet noted that 3 items were left out of the draft of the minutes of the December, 2018 meeting. The secretary will add them, and approval of the minutes will be deferred until the next meeting.

Treasurer's report: Mark Wenger emphasized the following points: As of now, TATC has taken in 67% of its projected annual income and spent 60% of its budgeted expenditures. The largest chunk of income has come from the annual silent auction., followed by a donation from Devil's Backbone. Cabin Maintenance, as expected, is largest area of expenditures, and insurance for the cabin and property taxes are the largest components of that. Long-term planning for roof replacement is essential. The treasurer's report was unanimously accepted by the Board. Mark Wenger also discussed the need to have a central list of all passwords and other items related to club treasury/financial activities, to ensure continuity and security. Jim Sexton noted that Wild Apricot can take care of the security and continuity issues.

President's report:

1. Juliet Stephenson reported that TATC volunteers earned \$118 for the club by gift-wrapping packages at REI.
2. She sent a thank-you note to a donor for their \$100 gift to the club.
3. Educational Opportunity #1: April 12-14 - Potential dates: discounted CPR/WFA course. \$50. Held at Konnarock, Sugar Grove.
4. Educational Opportunity #2: March 2-6 LNT Master Educator Course - Roanoke \$580 for AT Trail Maintaining Club Members, \$700 all others.
5. There will be a meeting Feb. 16 of the Central Virginia Partnership, at Whetstone Ridge. Attendees will be Juliet, Jim Newman, Jim Sexton, and Bob Giffin.
6. Sherando Lake Campgrounds were hit hard by the ice storm, and TATC, having been long supported by Sherando, should help with the extensive clean-up as soon

as the government allows. Much chainsaw work is needed. Jim Newman will lead this effort.

7. Reminder message from Chief Ranger Carin Farley that no volunteer activity can take place until Federal Gov't. reopens, but club-sponsored hiking and backpacking is OK.

8. ATC provided an introductory letter to James McGowan of the Nature Conservancy, which is building a Pedestrian Bridge near our section of the AT.

9. Juliet asked the treasurer for a TATC donation check to Pretlow Library.

10. Juliet described the need for a cabin insurance tweak to cover replacement cost, which was inadvertently dropped by TAPCO.

11. Juliet asked the treasurer to present a budget report at the February Meeting.

Other business:

1. Bob Giffin asserted that the Mountain Valley Pipeline is getting the okay to come through Virginia. He also asked about the TATC banner, which Outreach has. Jim Sexton offered a new banner. Bob also thanked Jim Newman for lining up the slate for TATC for upcoming election, and Mark Wenger for agreeing to conduct the election. The award budget is upped to \$300, and speakers for club meetings need to be recruited.

2. Bruce Julian and Ellis Malabad will co-host a trail=building event at First Landing State Park on Jan. 26. Bruce wants to purchase 6 more hoes.

3. Ned Kuhns will again host the annual Budget meeting on Jan. 16, and the Jan. 27 Audit.

4. Jim Sexton provided a thorough review and discussion for his recommendation to adopt Wild Apricot to update and improve the TATC website. He analyzed the shortcomings and vulnerabilities of continuing to operate under the current arrangements. He described in detail what the Wild Apricot system can do, its costs, and its advantages. There was lengthy discussion, followed by a proposal to adopt Wild Apricot and to adjust the 2018-2019 so that its use can begin immediately. The vote was unanimously in favor to the proposal. Jim also noted the January 27 deadline for the newsletter and suggested consideration of free ad space on the TATC website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Steve Rosenthal, TATC Secretary