

**TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Monthly Meeting

July 7, 2021

(via Zoom due to Covid-19)

Members Present:

Steve Clayton, Brittany Collins, Bruce Davidson, Greg Hodges, Ned Kuhns, Lee Lohman, Ellis Malabad, Kama Mitchell, Gene Monroe, Kari Pincus, Dave Plum, Cecil Salyer, Sharon Salyer, John Sima

Members Absent:

Bob Adkisson, Dave Altman, Rosanne Cary, Bill Lynn, Tony Phelps, Nalin Ratnayake, Jim Sexton

1. Welcome and Call to Order: The meeting, with a quorum, was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Proceedings of Previous Meeting: The June Board meeting minutes were approved.

3. Finance: Cecil Salyer presented the Treasurer's report.

4. Membership: Sharon Salyer presented a membership report

5. Other Reports:

- Visitor Use Management Zones, Ned Kuhns: in response to our proposal, Lauren Stull (USDA) recommended we wait on the upcoming training on the Visitor Use Management Zones before officially approving our proposal.
- Local Trails, Dave Plum: Our first maintenance at Pleasure House Point was completed with 18 members. Sharon Salyer approached the Hoffer Creek Wildlife Preserve in Portsmouth to ascertain their interest in having TATC conduct trail maintenance. It was approved to schedule and conduct one maintenance activity with them and then evaluate our future commitment.
- Trail Maintenance, Britt Collins: Lopperfest will be July 16-18 and 8 members are signed up to cut back overgrowth and remove downed trees on our A.T. section.
- 50th Anniversary Event, Steve Clayton: A committee of 8 has been formed and is evaluating venues.
- 50th Anniversary Major Project, Lee Lohman: Three objectives are necessary - it should be meaningful, clearly identified with TATC and enduring. An email blast to all members will solicit ideas for this Project. These ideas will then be distilled by the Board down to one approved Project and a leader will be sought.
- Outreach, Lee Lohman and Jim Sexton: Lee and Jim staffed a table at REI with TATC literature and information. Over 30 people put themselves on our mailing list and one became a lifetime member a few days later. The Board approved participation in the Virginia Wildlife Festival in January 2022.
- Education Committee, Lee Lohman: A land navigation presentation has been completed. It is primarily done by Steve Vesco of Tidewater Search and teaches

- critical skills, especially when GPS is unavailable. This 90-minute presentation will be scheduled for TATC members and possibly other A.T. clubs as well.
- Hybrid Meetings, Lee Lohman: it is feasible to conduct future membership meetings simultaneously in-person and via Zoom. This could require about \$200 in equipment and, after additional research, a proposal will be made.
 - *HikerNet*, Lee Lohman: this is a mobile app designed to measure cellular connectivity along hiking trails. TATC has been approached to map our section of the A.T. and the St Mary's Wilderness. After learning more about what is needed, a proposal will be made.
 - Board vacancies, Lee Lohman: we continue to have vacancies for Outreach, Education, Facebook, Website editor, Timekeeper and Merchandise. Board members are encouraged to recommend candidates to Lee for possible recruitment. This subject will also be on the next membership meeting agenda to get the word out of this need.
 - A.T. Vista 2021, Ned Kuhns: this initiative is to help celebrate 100 years of Appalachian Trail history during the virtual A.T. Vista, on August 7 and 8. All clubs are encouraged to sponsor hikes on these days and share videos of them.

6. Adjournment - The President adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.