

**TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Monthly Meeting

April 3, 2019

Members Present: Bob Adkisson, Douglas Cary, Rosanne Cary, Mark Ferguson, Bob Giffin, Amanda Hartwig, Patrick Hayes, Bruce Julian, Ellis Malabad, Jim Moir, Jim Newman, Phyllis Neumann, J.P. Richard, Steve Rosenthal, Jim Sexton, Juliet Stephenson, Marty Vines

Members Absent: Ned Kuhns, Tony Phelps, Mike Wilson, Mark Van Zandt

1. Welcome and Call to Order

President Rosanne Cary determined the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

2. Proceedings of Previous Meeting

On a motion by Phyllis Neumann, seconded by Bob Giffin, the board of directors approved the minutes of the March 6, 2019 meeting with a correction as noted.

3. Finance Report

Douglas Cary presented the treasurer's report noting that no transfer of funds had been made from the PayPal account this month. He requested reimbursement checks be cashed in a timely manner.

4. Trails Report

Jim Newman reported that there had been a great deal of cleanup done at Sherando since the ice storm with the help of Milton Beale and Peter Burch. He noted there were enough volunteers to participate in the walk through, but we are still in need of people for the maintenance weekend. He added that Stephanie Stringer and Michelle Cobb will coordinate the Saturday evening dinner. A Girl Scout troop will be camping at Sherando and will assist in our maintenance duties. Jim will meet with the new ridge runner at the upcoming wilderness first aid training.

5. ATC Report

Nothing to report at this time.

6. Hikemaster Report

The board engaged in a lengthy discussion about the ongoing challenges in keeping members engaged and keeping a robust activity schedule. Counselor Ellis Malabad made a motion and introduced a proposal, which, after discussion and some language changes reads: *Members of the board of directors are encouraged to lead two activities per calendar year. After the activity, leaders are encouraged to submit an article and photos for the club newsletter.* Upon second and a vote, the motion was adopted.

7. **President's Report**

Rosanne Cary discussed the following items:

- Bill Bunch has been appointed to fill the vacancy for Counselor.
- A new Ridgerunner, James “Slim Jim” Baum, has been hired for the Tye River section. He was invited to join us for dinner on maintenance weekend.
- 2019 Appalachian Trail Hall of Fame Inductees Announced - Bob Proudman, formerly of ATC, is included in this class.
- A request was received from American Trails to sign on to letter to Congress requesting funding for trails. It was signed on behalf of TATC.
- Assistance in putting together some candidates for the Membership chair position.
- The first and primary role of Counselors is to advise the board in matters relating to compliance with the bylaws.
- Member Reese Lukei will present a program at the April meeting.
- Following up on the suggestion to find an interest bearing account for a portion of the Life Membership fund, the treasurer will research options and report back at a future date.

8. **Chair's Reports**

Cabin Committee. Bob Adkisson reported that the cabin is solidly booked on upcoming weekends. He and Greg will be leading cabin maintenance trips in the coming period.

Historical Committee. Juliet Stephenson gave thanks to all who responded to her request for information about the trail relocation.

Land Management. Bob Giffin reported that he will accompany Dave Whitmore and a National Forest surveyor in April to survey and mark the cabin property boundary. He has been advised to suspend his search for Marker #17.

Local Trails. J.P. Richard reported on the upcoming work activities at False Cape State Park, a volunteer appreciation event at First Landing, and the revised date for maintenance at New Quarter Park.

Membership. Amanda Hartwig reported our current membership sits at 317. Recently, there have been 40 membership renewals and five new member sign ups.

Merchandise. Mark Van Zandt, who is currently at the cabin, had relayed that he ordered the Square reader to allow for credit card sales.

Newsletter/Notices/Webmaster. Jim Sexton reminded members about the deadline for submission to the next issue of the TATC newsletter. Jim renewed his pleas for photos of club activities for both the newsletter and the promotional materials.

Outreach. Marty Vines is looking for new material and photos to use on a display board. It was suggested he contact the calendar chair and member Bob Mooney.

Timekeeper. Mike Wilson is staying temporarily as chair but will step down at some future point.

Tool Boss. Bruce Julian reminded the members of the break in and theft of items from the storage locker. It was agreed that any items that had not been used in years would not need replacing at this time. Bruce reported that False Cape State Park will open its EEC building for rental to the general public. The current cost is \$300 per night. Bruce will bring some tools to the April membership meeting to demonstrate.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.