

**TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Monthly Meeting  
August 5, 2020  
(via Zoom due to Covid-19)

**Members Present:**

Douglas Cary, Rosanne Cary, Steve Clayton, Greg Hodges, Ned Kuhns, Lee Lohman, Ellis Malabad, Kama Mitchell, Phyllis Neumann, Jim Newman, Dave Plum, Rosemary Plum, Sharon Salyer, Nathan Terault,

**Members Absent:**

Bob Adkisson, Mark Ferguson, Patrick Hayes, Bruce Julian, Bill Lynn, Jim Moir, Suzanne Moss, Tony Phelps, Kari Pincus, Jim Sexton, Juliet Stephenson, Mark Van Zandt

1. **Welcome and Call to Order:** The President determined the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Proceedings of Previous Meeting:** Upon a motion by Ned Kuhns and a second by Ellis Malabad, the Board approved the minutes of the July Board meeting.
3. **Finance Report:** Douglas Cary presented the July Treasurer's report.
4. **President's Report**

Rosanne Cary covered the following points:

  - All requirements from TATC and partner agencies for returning to Club activities as safely as possible, including maintenance on the AT, have been distributed to members.
  - This year, the ATC Volunteer Leadership Meeting is going online. Because we aren't limited by space and travel expense, more current and aspiring TATC leaders can join the courses. Announcements on program dates and topic tracks are forthcoming. Our Club is seeking members who would like to attend virtually – likely beginning in mid-September.
  - Considering the Covid-19 challenges for the Club, we should feel proud about how we have kept it running – including normal administration, holding effective board, general and training meetings – as well as communication with our members. Many activities have continued with some normalcy, although virtually:
    - Lee Lohman has provided multiple training opportunities for members;
    - Suzanne Moss and Nathan Terault have provided programs for our member meetings;
    - Jim Sexton has kept up with email blasts, the newsletter and website updates;
    - Douglas Cary has kept our finances current;
    - Bob Adkisson and Greg Hodges managed a cabin shut-down and re-opening and usage is strong;
    - Kama Mitchell and Sharon Salyer have kept new member packets flowing and are purging our roster of members who are long past paying their dues;
    - Steve Clayton has captured the Board proceedings in the minutes;
    - Ellis Malabad, other counselors and several other Board members have been instrumental in developing guidelines for the resumption of local activities;

- Overall, attendance at meetings and participation in managing the Covid-19 challenges has been strong;
- Looking forward, we need a nominating committee for upcoming elections. Several openings are already known: President, Tool Boss and Land Management.

#### 5. Chair's Reports:

- ATC Rep – See notes above about ATC Volunteer Leadership Meeting; Also, Ned Kuhns will meet soon with Jim Neumann to turn over the PPE collected for trail maintenance.
- Trail Supervisor – Jim Neumann has organized a work group of 14-16 members for trail maintenance on Aug. 14-16. They will camp at Sherando and focus on the AT from the summit of Three Ridges to Chimney Rock. All Covid-19 requirements will be met.
- Cabin – Greg Hodges is planning a cabin maintenance trip in September, limited to about 6 participants.
- Education – On Thursday, Aug. 13, Lee Lohman will host a Zoom training program at 7 pm on “Ticks, Chiggers and Mosquitoes” – how to protect yourself against bites and how to recognize potential illness from bites.
- Membership - Kama Mitchell and Sharon Salyer reported mailing 7 new member packets and the purging of about 50 members whose dues are quite delinquent.
- Counselors - Ellis Malabad and Dave Plum have organized a work group of 6-8 members for specially requested trail maintenance on Aug. 6th at First Landing for hurricane-related trail degradation.
- Local Trails – Dave Plum has compiled the list of trail awards not presented, including printing of about 25 certificates.
- Outreach – Rosemary Plum received information regarding “Hikes for Kids” – a program to provide outdoor education for youth of color. She will forward this material to Rosanne Cary and Phyllis Neumann for consideration.
- Calendar – Due to the difficulties of production and distribution, there was general agreement to suspend all calendar activities for a 2021 calendar.

6. **Adjournment** - The President adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.