

**TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Monthly Meeting

August 7, 2019

Members Present: Bill Bunch, Douglas Cary, Rosanne Cary, Lee Lohman, Ellis Malabad, Jim Newman, J.P. Richards, Sharon Salyer, Jim Sexton, Mark Van Zandt

Members Absent: Bob Adkisson, Mark Ferguson, Bob Giffin, Patrick Hayes, Bruce Julian, Ned Kuhns, Jim Moir, Phyllis Neumann, Tony Phelps, J.P. Richards, Juliet Stephenson

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

ON A MOTION BY ELLIS MALABAD, SECONDED BY JIM NEWMAN, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 3, 2019 MEETING.

3. Finance Report

Douglas Cary reported on the status of the expenditures and receipts for the club. He noted that the cabin rental income figures have been reconciled and amended to reflect the sums previously credited to membership.

4. Trails Report

Jim Newman reported on the work done recently with the Swing Blade activities and that of the SAWS crew in St. Mary's Wilderness. He shared with the board a photo of the Midshipman crew.

5. ATC Report

Jim Sexton reported that the Fall RPC meeting is scheduled for November 1-3 at a location still to be determined.

6. Hikemaster Report

No report available.

7. **President's Report**

Ms. Cary covered the following points in her report:

- The ATC Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for September 7, with voting available beginning August 24. TATC is eligible for two votes.
- George McHugh, the APPA contact for the Wayfinding project is leaving ATC.
- A Committee Chair is needed for the Nominating Committee.
- A Coordinator is needed for the November silent auction. Jim Sexton volunteered.
- A suggestion forwarded by member Mal Higgins for a possible fundraising platform was presented and discussed. The Board will take it into consideration and revisit in the future.
- A request had been placed with the library for meeting space for 2020; however, the decision will not be made available until October. The room that the board meetings are currently being held in will be repurposed by the library and will not be available after November of this year. The board members agreed that the upstairs conference room will suffice for our meetings. Ms. Cary will inquire about space for the December board meeting.

8. **Chair's Reports**

Cabin Committee. No report available.

Counselor. Ellis Malabad reiterated the need for more activities on the hike schedule and indicated he will continue his efforts to enlist help from the membership.

Education. Lee Lohman presented his strategy for assessing the needs of the club and the wants of the membership with regards to outdoor preparation and preparedness. Following a robust discussion, it was agreed that Ms. Cary would send an email to the entire board requesting input for Mr. Lohman. The possibility of polling members was presented.

Land Management. No report available.

Membership. Sharon Salyer reported the membership total is 331. She noted that she is working on a new packet for new members.

Newsletter/Notices/Webmaster. Jim Sexton reminded the members that upon renewal of the Wild Apricot site agreement, the club will need to choose between keeping our current system of payment (and paying a penalty/premium on our fee) or switching to the Wild Apricot system. Mr. Sexton will bring a cost analysis to the next board meeting. He noted that the board still needs to decide about sending our materials to ATC to see if help is still available to develop promotional materials. The board members agreed to sending what we have at the earliest opportunity.

Tool Boss. Ms Cary relayed for Bruce Julian that the storage shed rental was increasing to \$75.

Merchandise. Mark Van Zandt reported that new collared shirts, t-shirts and koozies will be available at the September meeting.

9. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.