

**TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Monthly Meeting**

**January 2, 2019**

**Members Present:** Bob Adkisson, Bill Bunch, Douglas Cary, Rosanne Cary, Bruce Julian, Ned Kuhns, Lee Lohman, Ellis Malabad, Phyllis Neumann, Jim Newman, Sharon Salyer, Jim Sexton, Steve Rosenthal, Mark Van Zandt

**Members Absent:** Mark Ferguson, Patrick Hayes, Jim Moir, 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**

The minutes of the December, 2019 meeting were not available; approval was postponed to the February meeting.

**3. Finance Report**

Douglas Cary presented the report of expenditures and income for December 2019.

**4. Trails Report**

Jim Newman reported on the progress of work of the SAWS crew in the St. Mary's Wilderness, noting that some trails previously closed were now open. Jim Sexton noted that he priced new fire rings at about \$350, and wanted to purchase three for the Maupin Field area. He added a request for the purchase of a rock sling to aid hauling heavy items at the upcoming work at the Maupin Field area. Ned Kuhns will contact Andrew Downs at ATC to inquire about a grant from the license plate program to cover the cost of the fire rings and materials.

**5. ATC Report**

Nothing to report at this time.

**6. Hikemaster Report**

Phyllis Neumann inquired about the cards issued to Life Members, noting that they should have the "Life Member" designation printed on them. Sharon Salyer will take action on this. Lee Lohman inquired about plans for participation in Earth Day activities on April 22; there currently are no scheduled activities for this date or event.

## 7. President's Report

Rosanne Cary covered the following points in her report:

- A reminder of the elections to be held at the January membership meeting.
- Annual Budget Meeting - will take place Wednesday, January 15 at the Kuhns residence. Newly elected officers will be invited to attend.
- A donation of \$300 was made from the club to the Pretlow Library.
- New marketing materials are being ordered with funds from the ATC grant.
- The annual TATC audit will take place on February 19. Counselors were asked to attend.
- Hard hats: research is still underway to inform our purchase of new hard hats.
- Membership and Cabin Rental Fees: Ms. Cary initiated a conversation regarding the need to raise fees to cover expenses and keep abreast of inflation. A lengthy discussion ensued.
- Membership fees: *The board voted on and approved the creation of one flat fee of \$25 for individual annual memberships paying by check or cash/\$26 for using the online system, and one flat fee of \$35 for family memberships being paid by cash or check/\$36 for using the online system, effective March 1, 2020.* Bill Bunch abstained from the vote.
- Cabin rental fees: *The board voted on and approved an increase in cabin rental fees to \$7 per person per night, effective March 1, 2020.* Phyllis Neumann and Douglas Cary opposed, citing the raise in fees as too low.

## 8. Chair's Reports

- Cabin Committee. Bob Adkisson reported that the cabin is reserved for 14 nights in January, and that the spring is running at this time. He added that he sent a card to member Bill Newsom, who turned 90 years old.
- Calendar Committee. Nineteen calendars were sold at the holiday party; more have been sold since and there are still some available.
- Education Committee. Lee Lohman will make a presentation at the January membership meeting regarding trail maintenance and safety.
- Membership. Sharon Salyer reported that club membership is 471. She added that the holiday party was successful and attended by 63 people.
- Newsletter/Notices/Webmaster. Jim Sexton noted that the newsletter deadline is January 27.
- Programs. Ellis Malabad is working on scheduling presenters for the upcoming months. Steve and Mimi Rosenthal will present a program about their September trip to Gros Morne National Park in Newfoundland, tentatively in February.
- Tool Boss. Bruce Julian noted that he has the invoice for the storage shed, which is now paid through March of 2021.

## 9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.