

**TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Monthly Meeting

July 1, 2020

(via Zoom due to Covid-19)

Members Present:

Douglas Cary, Rosanne Cary, Steve Clayton, Mark Ferguson, Ned Kuhns, Lee Lohman, Ellis Malabad, Kama Mitchell, Phyllis Neumann, Jim Newman, Dave Plum, Rosemary Plum, Sharon Salyer, Jim Sexton, Nathan Terault, Mark Van Zandt

Members Absent:

Bob Adkisson, Patrick Hayes, Greg Hodges, Bruce Julian, Bill Lynn, Jim Moir, Suzanne Moss, Tony Phelps, Kari Pincus, 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 Meetings:** Upon a motion by Dave Plum and a second by Lee Lohman, the Board approved the minutes of the regular June 3rd and the special June 23rd meetings.
3. **Finance Report:** The June Treasurer's report was unavailable. Prizes for the photo contest were paid.

4. President's Report

Rosanne Cary covered the following points:

- Weekly calls with the ATC and partner agencies are continuing. Clarification is still being sought regarding phased re-opening of trail maintenance activities, including work group size, limited camping and various processes for ensuring and tracking that all volunteers have completed the reading/viewing of materials required to be on an AT work group. For example, to resume work, *all* A.T. volunteers will need to complete an online acknowledgement found here www.appalachiantrail.org/volunteeracknowledgement.

This is a requirement for volunteers working under Volunteer in Parks (VIP), on APPA and state lands, to demonstrate they have read and acknowledge and agree to follow actions to improve safety found in the attached COVID-19 JHA and training.

Volunteers operating under Volunteers in Parks (VIP) are required to follow procedures and process outlined in the Adaptive Recovery Guidelines SOP for all phases, and the discretion for decisions rests with leaders at the local club level.

When a process for accomplishing the above is determined by the Board, it will be shared with members and put into action for upcoming TATC AT activities

5. Chair's Reports:

- ATC Rep - Ned reported that all PPE being purchased with ATC/APPA funds has been ordered through Sara Haxby at ATC. All the signs and PPE items have been received except for hand sanitizers and disposable wipes. He will follow-up to see when they might arrive or if we are going to have to buy them locally. Before the first maintenance trip, the PPE & signs will be turned over to the trails supervisor.
- Cabin – Bob Adkisson reported via email that we have significant rentals now that the cabin has been re-opened. Bob has proposed scheduling a work group for the Fall to replenish the firewood supply.
- Counselors – In light of the Governor's latest guidance, Ellis Malabad reported increasing interest from club members for the resumption of local club activities. He supports this direction for all local activities except cycling (kayaking, hiking, local trail maintenance). Before opening up local activities again, Ellis will draft guidelines consistent with the CDC (safety measures, health checks, group size, etc.) to be reviewed and approved by the Board.
- Local Trails – Dave Plum has completed a report of which members are eligible for certificates and patches. He will determine if these might be "presented", via Zoom, at an upcoming membership meeting.
- Membership – Sharon Salyer reported 479 members and has recently sent out 5 new member packets. There are 61 members who are at least one year past their renewal date. They will receive one last email to encourage them to renew. If they do not respond, they will be removed from the membership role by 8.15.20.

6. **Adjournment** - The President adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.