

**TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Monthly Meeting**

**May 1, 2019**

**Members Present:** Bob Adkisson, Bill Bunch, Douglas Cary, Rosanne Cary, Bob Giffin, Amanda Hartwig, Patrick J. Hayes, Ned Kuhns, Ellis Malabad, Phyllis Neumann, Jim Newman, Jim Sexton, Mark VanZandt.

**Members Absent:** Mark Ferguson, Bruce Julian, Jim Moir, Tony Phelps, J.P. Richards, Steve Rosenthal, Juliet Stephenson, Marty Vines, Mike Wilson

**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 motion by Phyllis Neumann, seconded by Ned Kuhns, the board of directors approved the minutes of the April 3, 2019 meeting.

**3. Finance Report**

Douglas Cary provided a report of current status of club finances. He reported his finding on current interest rates at SunTrust bank, which would provide a greater return on the deposit on our Life Member account. Upon motion by Ned Kuhns, seconded by Ellis Malabad, the board approved moving the entire funds from the Life Member account currently at Wells Fargo bank to SunTrust bank to take advantage of the higher interest yield.

**4. Trails Report**

Jim Newman noted that the majority of the work needed at the upcoming maintenance will be on the MauHar Trail and in the St. Mary's Wilderness, and some in Sherando, with 13 crew assignments currently scheduled. Some discussion ensued regarding the most appropriate type of paint to use for blazing. He reported that the Girl Scouts had withdrawn their participation. Regarding the walkthrough, almost all the trail had been surveyed, and he obtained hikers reports on the remaining section. The importance of the safety brief being presented without member interruptions was discussed.

**5. ATC Report**

Ned Kuhns reported that there is a move to get rid of a place in Pennsylvania called Scott Farm that has been used as a training facility and that any clubs with an interest are requested to provide comments in support of retaining the facility. TATC has no involvement.

**6. Hikemaster Report**

Nothing to report.

**7. President's Report**

Rosanne Cary touched on the following points:

- A. Welcome to Bill Bunch, the newest counselor.
- B. There will be a social hour with story sharing and snacks at the May membership meeting.
- C. The change in venue for group camping at the spring maintenance at Sherando will be advantageous for our group.
- D. Form 990N, due annually, has been submitted for the club.
- E. ATC will hold a forum style call regarding the Next Gen initiative; information will be provided to anyone wishing to participate.

**8. Chair's Reports**

Cabin Committee. Bob Adkisson reported that he had been at the cabin for three days in April and was deterred from performing work by the weather. He noted that the rental calendar is mostly full for the available window and that rents had been collected regardless of the renters decisions to cut short their visits for varying reasons. He reported some problem with the lower spring, that the concrete base may be cracking and in need of repair. He stated that some people from the Forest Service had been up to the cabin property to mark the boundaries. It is possible the Forest Service may mark trees with red blazes.

Land Management. Bob Giffin will follow up with Dave Whitmore regarding the survey of the cabin property.

Counselors. Ellis Malabad reported that he had received a plaque from FLSP for appreciation of work done in the park by club members. Margaret Pisone will be coordinating the upcoming maintenance work at First Landing on May 18.

Membership. Club membership is currently 320. In the last month there were four family renewals, four single renewals, three single new signup and one new life member, Phyllis Neumann, who has converted to Life Membership. Candidates for the membership chair position were discussed.

Merchandise. The Square credit card reader was introduced at the April membership meeting.

Newsletter/Notices/Webmaster. The deadline for submitting articles for the newsletter is May 24. Jim will be gone May 31 - June 10. A blast email will be sent regarding the change in venue for the maintenance weekend as well as other items. Jim has not had many comments or photos submitted for the new publicity materials. Jim will post the revised materials on the webpage, and select what he judges to be the best for submission.

**9. Adjournment**

10. There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.