

TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monthly Meeting
November 4, 2020
(via Zoom due to Covid-19)

Members Present:

Bob Adkisson, Douglas Cary, Rosanne Cary, Steve Clayton, Bruce Davidson, Mark Ferguson, Greg Hodges, Ned Kuhns, Lee Lohman, Ellis Malabad, Kama Mitchell, Phyllis Neumann, Kari Pincus, Dave Plum, Rosemary Plum, Nalin Ratnayake, Sharon Salyer, Jim Sexton; Guests: Pete Burch, Brittany Gonzales

Members Absent:

Patrick Hayes, Bill Lynn, Jim Newman, Tony Phelps, Juliet Stephenson, Nathan Terault, 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 Lee Lohman and a second by Ellis Malabad, the Board approved the minutes of the October Board meeting.
3. **Finance Report:** Douglas Cary presented the Treasurer's report.
4. **President's Report:** Rosanne Cary covered the following:
 - TATC is honored to report Jim Newman received the Partner of the Year award from the ATC.
 - Rosanne Cary volunteered to be the chair of the Nominating Committee and the following members agreed to be on the Committee: Sharon Reid, Phyllis Neuman, Ned Kuhns, Ellis Malabad and Nalin Ratnayake.
 - The Maupin Field enhancements were completed with the installation of fire rings and tent pads during the Oct. 16-18 Fall trail maintenance trip. In addition to the original \$1,137 grant from the ATC to pay for this, an additional grant of \$1,100 to pay the balance of the cost was approved by the ATC.
 - There will be no December membership meeting or annual holiday party due to the virus.
5. **Chair's Reports:**
 - ATC Rep – Ned Kuhns and Jim Newman attended the VA Regional Partnership Committee meeting on Oct. 24th; the Visitor Use Management Committee discussed the need for each trail section to use 5 categories to define how much use there is and to identify “hot spots” with excessive use.
 - Counselors – Counselors have begun contacting prospective/new members to engage them about the Club purpose and activities and to answer their questions. Ellis Malabad, Kari Pincus and Mark Ferguson reported a positive response from the contacts they have made so far.
 - Land Management – In his recent appointment for this function, Nalin Ratnayake reported the following:
 - He met with Bob Giffin for a handover of materials and maps, as well as to get background and perspective;

- He met Josh K at Reid's Gap to walk the boundary line and evaluate blazes, monuments and witnesses. Witnesses are those semi-permanent natural features (boulders, trees) used by surveyors to locate monuments. Monuments are circular metal discs pinned to the ground by licensed surveyors to identify legal coordinates of a property.
- He will return to the property early in 2021 with a small team to continue the work of boundary line inspection and maintenance, including locating witnesses and monuments (lots of brush clearing) and to document what is missing and any areas of concern.

6. **Adjournment** - The President adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.