

**TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Monthly Meeting**

**September 4, 2019**

**Members Present:** Robert Adkisson, Rosanne Cary, Mark Ferguson, Robert Giffin, Bruce Julian, Ned Kuhns, Lee Lohman, Ellis Malabad, Kama Mitchell, Phyllis Neumann, Jim Newman, Tony Phelps, J.P. Richard, Sharon Salyer, Jim Sexton, Mark VanZandt

**Members Absent:** Bill Bunch, Douglas Cary, Patrick Hayes, Jim Moir, Steve Rosenthal, 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 Lee Lohman, SECONDED BY Jim Sexton, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE August 7, 2019 MEETING.

**3. Finance Report**

In the absence of Mr. Cary, Ms. Cary presented the treasurer's report.

**4. Trails Report**

Mr. Newman reported on the work of Swing Blade #3 - 14 volunteers and four downed trees managed. He noted that volunteers are still needed to fill time slots for the Newport News Fall Festival; for the fall walk through six volunteers have signed up and another six are needed, and the fall maintenance trip is on track.

**5. ATC Report**

Mr. Kuhns informed the members of upcoming webinars and inter-agency phone calls, and noted he would attend the Regional Partnership Committee meeting in November. He also noted that the Land Management Plan is still in his possession and has nothing new to report regarding the update of the document. He also reported that TATC has a new 2,000-Miler, member Gene Monroe.

## **6. President's Report**

Ms. Cary covered the following items in her report:

- A review of the TATC budget figures to date
- The annual ATC membership meeting - she will cast the needed votes on behalf of the club
- A request to RPC reps and Vice President to assist with ATC and other interagency documents which are up for review
- Poll: board members present were polled to assess their intentions to continue to serve or run for office in the next term
- Marti Malabad will serve as Nominating Committee chair and has formed a committee

## **7. Chair's Reports**

**Cabin Committee.** Mr. Adkisson reported that the spring is slow due to dry weather. He reported on the recent cabin rentals, upcoming work trips, and noted that a crew is needed to work the White Rock Falls Trail during the October maintenance. He also noted that longtime member Margaret Crate was turning 98 this month.

**Education Committee.** Mr. Lohman continued his discussion with the members regarding a survey to club members. He will send the next iteration to the board via email.

**Land Management.** Mr. Giffin reported that Jim Moir would be reviewing our property in October.

**Local Trails.** Mr. Richard reported that he had connected with Paradise Nature Park and would be coordinating some work for them this fall when the weather cools down.

**Membership.** Ms. Salyer reported that the membership sits at 328.

**Merchandise.** Mr. Van Zandt will have the new merchandise items at the September meeting to include koozies and shirts.

**Newsletter/Notices/Webmaster.** Mr. Sexton reported that a blast email had been sent to members regarding the upcoming Silent Auction. He will also be soliciting donations from local businesses. He will need extra tables and volunteers to help with this event, and will get a list of TATC assets that are no longer being used and will be available to auction. He noted that the deadline for submissions to the newsletter is September 24; also, publicity materials have been sent to Andrew Downs of ATC. He further noted that Tony Phelps has a drive with 2018-19 photos to use for the photography contest and for the new calendar and that Greg Hodges will print out a selection for the contest this month. Regarding the issue of using Wild Apricot's payment system or continuing with PayPal, the board agreed that changing to the Wild Apricot system would be more cost effective and less burdensome on the administrator. ON A MOTION BY Ned Kuhns, SECONDED BY Mark Ferguson, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED UTILIZING THE WILD APRICOT SYSTEM OF PAYMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP.

**Tool Boss.** Bruce clarified that the tool shed rental was increasing to \$900 annually, and due in January.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.