

TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monthly Meeting
July 2, 2025

Members Present:

Bill Bunch, Chris Butler, Lon Carpenter, Catherine Fowler, Mike Martin, Kaci Midgette, Kama Mitchell, Greg Reck, Peg Seriani, Rich Seriani, Jim Sexton, John Sima and Lelia Vann

Members Absent:

Sandra Canepa, Bruce Davidson, Andy Grayson, Paul Heymann, Greg Hodges, Ned Kuhns, Lee Lohman, Jim Newman, Sharon Salyer and Don Williams

1. **Welcome and Call to Order:** The meeting, with a quorum, was called to order by President Vann at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Proceedings of Previous Meeting:** The June 2025 Board meeting minutes were accepted without amendment.
3. **Finance Report - Lelia** presented the Treasurer's report.
 - Our June financials show the club continuing to be in good overall financial condition.
 - Lelia, Lee and Andy met with the folks at Wells Fargo and have now established CD's for \$5K and \$27K for 11 months at 3.5% (we were getting 0%)
 - Balance: May closing balance is \$37,160.81 and the **June closing balance is \$37,501.09**. The Wells Fargo statement was not received prior to the Board meeting but all accounts in MoneyMinder fully match the Wells Fargo website.
4. **Membership Report –** Kama presented the Membership report.
May 2025 balance was 450 members. **Current June 2025 balance is 426 members.**

How did new members hear about us?

	January	February	March	April	May	June
Friend	5	1	2			2
Member		3	1	4		
REI Table	1					
Norfolk Pride in the Park		1				
FLSP		1				
Social Media		2	2	1	1	
Online Search	1					
Winter Wildlife Festival				1		
Total	7	8	5	6	1	2

5. **The Lightning Round Report – BOD members' monthly status updates.**
-No discussion or questions on the topics reported.
6. **Proposals and Approval Requests:**
A. Lelia proposed the Agenda for the July 9, 2025 GMM. The agenda was approved.
7. **Discussion Items:**
A. Lopperfest #1: Lesson's Learn/What worked -what needs improvement? and Are We Ready for Lopperfest #2?" - John, Kaci, Bruce, Jim S., Rich, Lelia.
-Changes are being made to the existing forms. Added vehicle description and license plate numbers for trail leaders. Also added a checklist for the leader to check off items that they are responsible for, such as, checking in the Garmin and checking that they received the emergency information package.

- Lelia would like to be able to send a draft form to the NPS before Lopperfest #2 to meet the Park Service and Forrest Service requirements.
- John Sima will print extra dashboard TATC trail work signs for trucks.
- Things left to be done are in the hardest sections: Three Ridges, Chimney Rock and a root ball.
- Jim Sexton said there are 3 areas that need work around Harper's Creek between 0.2 miles and 0.4 miles. The trail is eroded and gullied out by the stream. He recommends sending a crew to go out during the Fall time frame to stay a few days at Harper's Creek and move rocks to build up the trail edge.
- Ticks are really bad on the AT. Need to make sure that you spray clothing and shoes to prevent ticks.

B. Picnic in the Park: Saturday, July 26...Are we Ready? – Catherine

- Volunteers have signed up to bring food and everything needed.
- 23 people are expected to attend.
- Catherine will order the fried chicken for the picnic.
- There will be tours of the Brock Center and people can go on a hike after the picnic.

C. ATC/APPA Awards - Lelia

- The 50-year awards will not be awarded due to low funding at the ATC.
- The BOD approved giving an award for members who qualify for the 50-year award. This proposal will be given to the Awards Committee to get their recommendation for an appropriate award.
- Bill Bunch will look into asking someone to write an article honoring the awardee in the newsletter.

D. Volunteer Hours Recorded – Lelia

- Realized that some of John Sima's hours were missing and we corrected it.
- Before September the BOD members need to enter their admin hours and work hours.
- Lelia will send out an email with the link to the website for the 8 different forms.
- **Lelia proposed that Tool Maintenance be recorded as work in the field and not administrative work. The "Tool Maintenance" field work hours will be reported to the ATC and Federal agencies. The proposal was approved.**

E. Additional Discussion

- Lon will check with Andy about how to account for new memberships given as a prize during TATC Outreach Events.

Reported Later:

- July 2025 GMM had 37 people in attendance.

Adjournment: President Vann adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.