

**TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Monthly Meeting  
August 6, 2025

**Members Present:** Bill Bunch, Chris Butler, Sandra Canepa, Michelle Cobb, Catherine Fowler, Andy Grayson, Paul Heymann, Lee Lohman, Mike Martin, Kaci Midgette, Kama Mitchell, Jim Newman, Greg Reck, Peg Seriani, Rich Seriani, Jim Sexton, John Sima, Lelia Vann and Don Williams

**Members Absent:** Lon Carpenter, Bruce Davidson, Greg Hodges, Ned Kuhns and Sharon Salyer

**Additional Attendee:** Tommy Crist

- 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 July 2025 Board meeting minutes were accepted with the amendment of "Tool Maintenance" field work hours decision will be reported to NPS for compliance.
- 3. Finance Report – Andy Grayson** presented the Treasurer's report.
  - Our July financials show the club continuing to be in good overall financial condition.
  - Balance: June closing balance is \$37,501.09 and the July closing balance is \$38,091.13.
  - The Wells Fargo statement was received prior to the Board meeting and all accounts in MoneyMinder fully match the Wells Fargo statements and website.
  - TATC is now accruing interest on the CDs.
  - TATC received a donation from John Mayer that we cannot accept because he is not a member.
- 4. Membership Report** – Kama presented the Membership report.  
June 2025 balance was 426 members. **Current July 2025 balance is 431 members.**

**TATC 2025 - How did new members hear about us?**

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

- 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 August 13, 2025 GMM.** The agenda was approved with amendment via email to add Lee Lohman to replace the Program Chair to introduce the Guest Speaker.
- 7. Discussion Items:**
  - A. Lopperfest #2: Lesson's Learn/What worked -what needs improvement? - John, Kaci, Jim S., Rich.**
    - Kaci said the Garmin check-in worked well at Lopperfest #2 and everyone checked in.

- Lelia needs the draft Check-on/Checkout Plan and our Emergency Response plans modified so she can send it to Jonathan.
- The Board discussed that a parent or guardian should be with and supervise children during TATC events and while camping overnight.
- The Maupin Field and Harper's Creek shelter roofs and privies are expected to be replaced within the next few years.
- John Sima will respond to Kathryn/ATC about the list of Konnarock Crew items.
- John is looking into getting free PPE, hard hats (10x) and first aid kits (10x).
- John said that those with "A" certs should come to Lopperfest #3 to get exposure to a new evaluator and get experience toward their "B" certification.
- Rich said Mike Horrell will donate a 2-man crosscut saw.
- Rich will draft a Tool Check Out form for high value tools, i.e., crosscut saws and silky saws.

#### **B. Picnic in the Park: Saturday, July 26...Lesson's Learned – Catherine**

- The picnic went well but it was very hot. There were 30 attendees. The Brock Center tour was great.
- Plan to hold the picnic again on an annual basis but move it to September when the weather is cooler and maybe add a hike afterwards. Also, will have the picnic as Potluck and not order fried chicken for the meal.
- Kaci and Michelle have TATC outreach signs that Catherine can use for upcoming social events.

#### **C. Reese Lukei's 50-Year Award Status - Jim Newman, Michelle, Bill, etc.**

- The Board approved the following:
  - A plaque will be mounted in Maupin Field kiosk on the AT which will explain Reese's 50 years of volunteerism with TATC.
  - Establish a Reese Lukei award, which will include a "Trailblazer with AT logo" patch, card stating Reese's legacy and why they are receiving the award.
  - Within 1 year the Awards Committee will define the qualification criteria.
  - The Awards committee will assess candidates for this award on an annual basis.

#### **D. Merchandise Plan – Michelle**

- For August GMM, propose "Polo Palooza":
  - Promote Polo Palooza in the GMM with an email blast that will be sent out in advance.
  - At GMM, Polo shirts will be displayed hanging up and emphasize 'if it fits, it's yours for just \$8'
  - The Board approved a change to on-line store pricing:  
Clearance T-shirts and Polos to be listed for the same cost as they are at GMM - \$5 tees and \$8 polos. Currently they are listed as \$10 tees, \$15 polos. Rationale: remaining inventory is 8 to 15 years old and are very large or very small sizes. Sale shirts will be tagged as Clearance on the website. (Any new shirts will cost more)
  - The merchandise table will be moved to the floor back corner and not be up on the stage for safety reasons.

#### **Reported Later:**

- August 2025 GMM had 64 people in attendance.
- Additional Topic – Ridgerunner Gift - Lelia
  - The Board approved by email to donate \$100 (plus \$220 additional funds given by individual board members) for the purchase of a \$300 REI gift card plus \$20 cash for Evan Brown, TATC's outstanding Ridgerunner for the past 2 years. Lelia gave the gift envelop to Kathryn Herdon-Powell at the 2025 VLM so she could present it to him at the Ridgerunner Farewell Luncheon on August, 18, 2025..

**Adjournment:** President Vann adjourned the meeting at 8 p.m.