

TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monthly Meeting
September 3, 2025

Members Present: Bill Bunch, Chris Butler, Lon Carpenter, Michelle Cobb, Bruce Davidson, Lee Lohman, Kaci Midgette, Kama Mitchell, Jim Newman, Greg Reck, Peg Seriani, John Sima and Lelia Vann

Members Absent: Sandra Canepa, Catherine Fowler, Andy Grayson, Paul Heymann, Greg Hodges, Ned Kuhns, Sharon Salyer, Rich Seriani, Jim Sexton 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 August 2025 Board meeting minutes were accepted without amendment.
- 3. Finance Report – Lelia** presented the Treasurer's report.
 - Our August financials show the club continuing to be in good overall financial condition.
 - Balance: July closing balance is \$38,091.13 and the August closing balance is \$37,885.26.
 - The Wells Fargo statement was received prior to the Board meeting submittal deadline, and all accounts in MoneyMinder fully match the Wells Fargo website and issued bank statements as of 8-31-25.
- 4. Membership Report – Kama** presented the Membership report.
July 2025 balance was 431 members. **Current August 2025 balance is 438 members.**

TATC 2025 - How did new members hear about us?

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

- 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 September 10, 2025 GMM.** The agenda was approved.
- 7. Discussion Items:**
 - A. Lopperfest #3: Lesson's Learned-Areas of improvements?** - John, Kaci, Jim S., Rich, Bruce, Andy, Lon, Greg...

SAFETY: Kaci and Bruce – One of the members fell on the trail at the Lopperfest #3 and later learned that he had fractured his ankle. Bruce gave the reminder as to why the inReach devices are so important. He also stated that not everyone knows how to use the inReaches and are not comfortable with the technology. So Bruce will hold training sessions at 6pm before the next couple of GMMs and BOD meetings at the church location. He also recommended lending the inReaches to members who go on

the maintenance events so they can become familiar with using them. Lon asked if they could make maps to the maintenance work locations for the new members.

TOOLS: Lelia – Participants didn't use the tool sign out sheet at Lopperfest 3. Will print out and use them at the Fall Maintenance. John will review the forms before the event and give his feedback for any required updates/edits on the forms to Rich.

B. Outreach - Kaci and Lon

- Kaci and Lon will ask other members at the GMM to gauge interest in participating in the Grand Illumination Parade on November 22 and has an entry fee of \$140. Michelle recommended having a TATC outreach table in the Fall at one of the local hiking outfitters, such as, REI, Great Outdoor Provisioning and Walkabout.

C. Loaner Gear - Lelia

- Loaner gear will need to be stored and inventoried. To make it easier, Lee recommended the gear be kept in "virtual" storage instead. Kaci will keep a list of people willing to loan gear to members. The BOD approved the plan to move forward with loaner gear.

D. 50-Year Award vs. Trailblazer Award or both - Michelle, Jim N.

- Several members will be coming up on their 50th year in the TATC. The BOD approved to make a plaque for each of the 50th Anniversary members since the ATC is no longer recognizing volunteers who have completed 50 (Gold Award) years of service to the AT.

E. Online Auctions - Lee

- The BOD approved the proposal to do online auction sales through the TATC members only website. The sales can be advertised on the TATC website, newsletter and TATC facebook group page.

F. Solicitations and Donations - Lee

- The BOD approved to move forward with filing for VDACS registration using the annual simplified reporting format.

Reported Later:

- September 2025 GMM had 48 people in attendance.
- Additional Topic – \$515 for Merchandise Budget - Lelia
 - The Board approved by email to cover the \$515 cost to order 50 bandanas and 10 neck gaiters in order to have them available for sale at the October GMM.

Adjournment: President Vann adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.