

TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monthly Meeting
October 1, 2025

Members Present: Bill Bunch, Chris Butler, Sandra Canepa, Lon Carpenter, Michelle Cobb, Bruce Davidson, Catherine Fowler, Andy Grayson, Paul Heymann, Lee Lohman, Kama Mitchell, Jim Newman, Greg Reck, Peg Seriani, John Sima, Lelia Vann and Don Williams

Members Absent: Greg Hodges, Ned Kuhns, Kaci Midgette, Sharon Salyer, Rich Seriani and Jim Sexton

- 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 September 2025 Board meeting minutes were accepted without amendment.
- 3. Finance Report –** Andy presented the Treasurer's report.
 - Our September financials show the club continuing to be in good overall financial condition.
 - Balance: August closing balance is \$37,885.26 and the September closing balance is \$38,443.07.
 - The Wells Fargo statement was not received prior to the Board meeting submittal deadline, and all accounts in MoneyMinder fully match the Wells Fargo website.
- 4. Membership Report –** Kama presented the Membership report.
August 2025 balance was 438 members. **Current September 2025 balance is 443 members.**

TATC 2025 - How did new members hear about us?

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
Friend	5	1	2			2	1		
Member		3	1	4				1	1
Outreach event	1	1		1					
FLSP		1						1	
Social Media		2	2	1	1		1		
Online Search	1						1		
ATC or AT Club								1	
Other									1
Total	7	8	5	6	1	2	3	3	2

- 5. The Lightning Round Report – BOD members' monthly status updates.**
 - Paul Heymann requested to have information added to the GMM email blast notice about Dave Pruett and that his books will be on display for sale.
 - Discussed the idea of having guest speakers who are not local to give their GMM presentations through Zoom.
 - Five display tables will be needed for the October GMM: merchandise, Dave Pruett book sale, awards, raffle, and membership.

6. Proposals and Approval Requests:

- A. Lelia proposed the Agenda for the October 8, 2025 GMM.** The agenda was approved with the amendment of adding Bill Bunch's Nominating Committee for 2026 Elections announcement.
- B. Michelle proposed that the old Trail Maintainer shirts (with McAfee Knob illustration) are offered for free at 2025 Fall Maintenance, Sherando and again at Spring 2026 if any remaining.** The proposal was approved.

7. Discussion Items:

A. October Walk-thru and Fall Maintenance: Are we ready?...

- Discussed the Government Shutdown and its impacts on the Fall Walk-Thru and Fall Maintenance. John said that we can still do the Fall Walk-thru. He'll just take notes for when they can return to do the trail maintenance.
- The next email blast for the Fall Walk-Thru needs to state that it is for TATC members only.
- Discussed the Check-in Check-out procedures. The procedures were started months ago. Don, Bruce and Kaci are working on them again. Once the procedures are complete, then they will add the inReach information and the Check-in Check-out process to the "TATC Policy for Trail Maintainer Working Alone" document.
- Discussed having a requirement that ALL maintenance participants must check-out when returning from the trails either through the Garmin inReach or in person back at the campsite.
- Discussed having a person stay behind at the campsite to help with communication and check-out process.
- Discussed using a whiteboard at the campsite to help track everyone that has checked-out returning from the trail but we do plan to leave the papercopy of the "Maintenance Activity Sign Up" forms at basecamp so the time returned can be recorded on this form.
- Discussed making a few minor edits to the "Maintenance Activity Sign Up" form, i.e. adding "Strenuous" or "Difficult" to the difficulty block, and adding the "acknowledge all team members returned" to the team leader's responsibilities.
- Discussed adding "Parents/Guardians must stay with kids at all times and are responsible for their child's safety" to the Minors Form.
- Bruce plans to use the updated Maintenance Activity Sign Up form and Check-in Check-out procedure as a guide during Fall Maintenance then make any further updates or edits as needed afterwards.
- Catherine says the Fall Maintenance dinner is all planned. She will get the burners and other cooking supplies from Lee.
- John will follow up with Andy to find out how much of the maintenance budget remains. He recommends using the remaining funds to purchase additional Garmin inReach devices.

B. October GMM Topics

- Discussed how the Awards Ceremony will be run with a PowerPoint to display the Awardee names, Lelia and Jim will hand out the 50-Year plaques and Jim will need 4 people to help give out the other awards.
- Jim will send out an email reminder to the awardees.

C. Holiday Party - Catherine

- The party will be potluck, at The Cove and entertainment will be provided. The BOD approved spending above the budget by \$300 if needed to cover the entertainment cost.

D. Cabin Land Survey - Chris

- Chris has been working with the Nelson County records office for a couple of years looking into the TATC cabin land boundaries. Chris requested to hire a licensed surveyor to make a property survey. The BOD approved the cost for a surveyor for up to \$2000.

E. TATC First Aid Kits - Lee

- Andy will send Lee the list of our First Aid kit contents so Lee can forward it to a First Aid specialist for his professional recommendation.

Reported Later:

- October 2025 GMM had **76** people in attendance.

Adjournment: President Vann adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.