

# TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monthly Meeting  
December 3, 2025

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

**Members Absent:** Sandra Canepa, Greg Hodges, Ned Kuhns and Sharon Salyer

**Other Attendees:** Heather Bailey and Joe Stell

- Welcome and Call to Order:** The meeting, with a quorum, was called to order by President Vann at 7:00 p.m.
- Proceedings of Previous Meeting:** The November 2025 Board meeting minutes were accepted without amendment.
- Finance Report** – Andy presented the Treasurer's report.
  - Our November financials show the club continuing to be in good overall financial condition.
  - Of note - the following budget lines have until late February to use available budgets:
    - The "A. T. Tools and Misc Expense (Trail Supv)" line item shows a \$745.18 balance
    - The "A. T. Tool Repair & Misc Expense (Tool Boss)" line item shows a \$250.00 balance, and
    - The "Cabin Tools, Equipment and Maintenance Expense (Cabin Committee)" line item shows a \$225.19 balance
  - Balance: The October closing balance was \$38,706.95 and the November closing balance is **\$38,813.73**
  - The Wells Fargo statement was received prior to the Board meeting submittal deadline and all accounts in MoneyMinder fully match the Wells Fargo statement and website.
- Membership Report** – Kama presented the Membership report.

October 2025 balance was 429 members. **Current November 2025 balance is 434 members.**

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

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November
Friend	5	1	2			2	1				
Member		3	1	4				1	1		2
Outreach Event	1	1		1							
FLSP		1						1		1	
Social Media		2	2	1	1		1				
Online Search	1						1			1	
ATC or AT Club								1			1
Other									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>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

- The Lightning Round Report – BOD members' monthly status updates.**
  - A Girl Scout troop has invited TATC to have an Outreach Table at an upcoming foot race at the Dismal Swamp on January 17, 2026. Lon Carpenter will respond to ATC and the Girl Scout leader to accept participation.
  - Paul Heymann will invite the new ATC President, Cinda Waldbuesser, to be a guest speaker at the October 2026 GMM.
- Proposals and Approval Requests:**
  - Lelia proposed Joe Stell as the TATC Newsletter Editor effective immediately. The proposal was approved.

**B. Lelia proposed Chris Butler as the Cabin Chairman effective January 1, 2026. The proposal was approved.**

**7. Discussion Items:**

**A. 2025 Auction: What Worked/Needs Improvement/Etc. - Paul Heymann**

- Need to remember next time to bring the box of supplies (pens, paper, etc.)
- The auction dragged on a bit too long. Next year, will introduce an "ebay, buy now" option to help move the sales quicker.
- Baked goods sold well.

**B. AT Maintenance Training Dates Needed - Lelia Vann**

- March 27-29: Sherando Lake Recreational Area Cleanup Day - USFS
- April 11: Spring Trail Maintenance Training (Devils Backbone) NEW**
- April 10-12: Spring Backpacking AT Walk-Thru
- April 24-26: Spring AT Maintenance (Williams Branch)
- May weekend TBD: St Mary's Wilderness Maintenance (need 8-10 people). Primitive Backpacking. John Sima will determine the dates.**
- June 19-21: Swingblade & Lopperfest #1 (CCC Kitchen)
- July 17-19: Swingblade & Lopperfest #2 (CCC Kitchen)
- August 21-23: Swingblade & Lopperfest #3 (CCC Kitchen)
- September 11: Fall Trail Maintenance Training (Devils Backbone) NEW**
- October 2-4: Fall Backpacking AT Walk-Thru
- October 16-18: Fall AT Maintenance (Williams Branch) includes Sawyer cert/re-cert

**C. Cabin Chair - Lelia Vann**

- Chris Butler has agreed to take over the Cabin Chair position with Kaleen Lawsure as the potential co-chair.

**D. Tool Boss - Lelia Vann, Rich Seriani**

- Still looking for a new Tool Boss. May recruit a Tool Boss plus an assistant Tool Boss.
- John Sima will contact Pete Burch about the idea of potentially getting a TATC tool shed at Sherando.
- Discussed asking for volunteers to stay a few hours later on Sundays after maintenance weekends to help clean, sharpen and put away the tools.

**E. More on VA Rules on Sales Tax - Lee Lohman**

- Lee said that the registration document that will permit us to solicit donations from anyone was mailed to VDACS on November 13th. They have 45 days to respond. He will ask our VDACS examiner later in December if she needs any additional information to make the decision.
- After VDACS registration is approved, then TATC can then apply for a sales tax exemption from Virginia TAX. If that is approved, TATC would not have to pay sales tax on most items it purchases. For example, we could buy food for Maintenance Events without paying sales tax.

**F. Other topics discussed:**

- Jim Sexton will replace the front of the kiosks and posters at Maupin Field on 12/13/25. Contact Jim if you would like to join him to help.
- Andy stated that they need a few more people to sign up for the January corridor walk. The hike will be difficult along steep mountain sides in search of the metal boundary markers.

**Reported Later:** No GMM in December. 65 individuals attended the Holiday Party held on December 6, 2025.

**Adjournment:** President Vann adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.