

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

Monthly Meeting

May 5, 2021

(via Zoom due to Covid-19)

**Members Present:**

Steve Clayton, Brittany Collins, Bruce Davidson, Ned Kuhns, Lee Lohman, Ellis Malabad, Dave Plum, Nalin Ratnayake, Cecil Salyer, Sharon Salyer, John Sima

**Members Absent:**

Bob Adkisson, Dave Altman, Rosanne Cary, Greg Hodges, Bill Lynn, Kama Mitchell, Gene Monroe, Tony Phelps, Kari Pincus, Jim Sexton

1. **Welcome and Call to Order:** The meeting, with a quorum, was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Proceedings of Previous Meeting:** The April Board meeting minutes were approved.
3. **Finance Report:** Cecil Salyer presented the Treasurer's report.
4. **Appointments:** Steve Clayton was confirmed as chair of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and Sharon Salyer was confirmed as chair of the Holiday Party Committee.
5. **President's Report:** The grant from Dominion Electric Power (\$500) is not likely to repeat. The \$900 grant from the USFS is expected to repeat and must be tied to a specific project.
6. **Proposals:**
  - Dave Plum proposed that TATC assist the city of Virginia Beach to maintain the Pleasure House Point trail system for two years. Proposal approved.
  - Ned Kuhns proposed the assignment of Visitor Use Management Zones to several segments of the TATC section of the AT. Action was deferred pending more discussion at Spring Maintenance.
  - Lee Lohman proposed TATC allow Adaptive Biotechnologies to solicit members to participate in a clinical study about Lyme disease. Proposal approved.
  - Lee Lohman proposed permitting TATC members be authorized to carpool to trailheads to begin maintenance work. This proposal was modified by Britt Collins to say we will continue to recommend carpooling only for household members until guidelines change. This modified proposal was approved.
  - Lee Lohman proposed allowing TATC volunteers to clean privies during maintenance trips. Proposal approved.
  - Steve Clayton proposed the creation of a major club project to be completed or initiated in 2022 in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This is in addition to a celebration event such as a banquet. Next steps for this proposal were approved – to discuss it with members at the next membership meeting. With sufficient interest, a committee will be formed to consider options and make recommendations.
  - Steve Clayton proposed a general membership meeting be held outdoors soon, with consideration also given to holding the auction outdoors soon. CDC and Virginia guidelines would be followed for masking and social distancing. Proposal approved.

- Lee Lohman proposed establishing a procedure to provide TATC members working alone or in small groups with the tort and liability protection available through the USFS. Action was deferred pending additional information and discussion.
- Ellis Malabad proposed reinstating TATC bicycle events with trip leaders explaining and maintaining Covid safeguards. Proposal approved.
- Lee Lohman, with extensive research by Mal Higgins, proposed switching our general liability and cabin insurance to Alliant, a company used and recommended by another club. This new policy would include Volunteer Accident Coverage. Proposal approved.

8. **Adjournment** - The President adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.