

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

Monthly Meeting

June 2, 2021

(via Zoom due to Covid-19)

**Members Present:**

Dave Altman, Steve Clayton, Brittany Collins, Ned Kuhns, Lee Lohman, Kama Mitchell, Dave Plum, Cecil Salyer, Sharon Salyer, Jim Sexton, John Sima

**Members Absent:**

Bob Adkisson, Rosanne Cary, Bruce Davidson, Greg Hodges, Bill Lynn, Ellis Malabad, Gene Monroe, Tony Phelps, Kari Pincus, Nalin Ratnayake,

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 May Board meeting minutes were approved.
3. **Finance Report:** Cecil Salyer presented the Treasurer's report.
4. **Proposals:**
  - Ellis Malabad proposed we adjust TATC COVID-19 policies to reflect CDC and Commonwealth of Virginia guidance. This proposal was approved concerning TATC hiking, biking, canoeing, kayaking and local maintenance. Action was deferred relative to TATC activity on the AT.
  - Jim Sexton proposed the purchase of sufficient supplies and equipment to permit TATC to conduct in-person outreach and recruiting activities. It was approved to spend up to \$700 to restock supplies as necessary and an additional \$250 to purchase the following new items: a cart, Sign-up Genius and a digital photo frame.
  - Lee Lohman proposed the development of a comprehensive plan for the 2022 anniversary activities. There are three primary activities: 1) a celebration event/banquet, 2) the production of historical materials, to include a book and, 3) a major project to mark our service to the community. This plan will include the timing, funding and personnel requirements for each of the events, with Board approval required for the overall plan. Proposal approved.
  - Ned Kuhns proposed the assignment of Visitor Use Management Zones to our TATC section of the AT. These zones were approved and will be forwarded to the USFS for concurrence.
5. **Reports:**
  - Discussion of Volunteer Service Agreement signed between the USFS and TATC. Following the May Board meeting discussion of section 10 of the Volunteer Service Agreement, Lee Lohman contacted Plinio Beres, U.S. Forest Service, to discuss the

issue. He said Plinio understood our concerns and when on to describe the process.

He said the Department of Labor authorizes workman's compensation for the USFS. He explained Labor would ask 1) whether the injured individual was a recognized volunteer at the time of the injury, 2) whether the person had received appropriate training, and 3) whether the person had read and signed the job hazard analysis (JHA). He said, additionally, the USFS would want to know the club had authorized the work. He did not believe it was necessary to inform the USFS every time someone was working on the trail incidental to hiking or other activities.

Plinio said he would consider alternative language for section 10 that addressed our concerns. Lee Lohman said he would draft a proposal and submit it to the Board at the July meeting.

- Lee Lohman reported the Club's general liability and cabin insurance policy was switched to Alliant, a firm specializing in organizations like TATC and used by other AT Clubs. This new policy includes Volunteer Accident Coverage and local trail maintenance.
- Brittany Collins reported on some of the equipment to be purchased with the USFS \$900 grant, to include: hard hats, 1<sup>st</sup> aid kits, etc. We have one year to spend these funds.

**6. Adjournment** - The President adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.