

Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
August 4, 2021
(via Zoom due to Covid)

Members Present:

Brittany Collins, Bruce Davidson, Greg Hodges, Ned Kuhns, Lee Lohman, Ellis Malabad, Gene Monroe, Dave Plum, David Altman Jim Sexton, Nalin Ratnayake, Cecil Salyer, Sharon Salyer

Members Absent:

Steve Clayton, Kama Mitchell, Kari Pincus, John Sima, Rosanne Cary, Bill Lynn, Tony Phelps

1. Welcome and Call to Order: The Meeting, with a quorum, was called to order at 7pm.
2. Proceedings of Previous Meeting: July meeting minutes were approved.
3. Report on vision and assumptions for the 50th anniversary event, Sharon Salyer (for Steve Clayton): Sharon and Sandra will take another tour of the Harbor Club on Friday. In evaluating venues, the committee is emphasizing a “wow factor” and inclusivity (stand-up cocktail style) with sit-down dining for 30 as they plan for the event. A discussion followed.
4. Finance: Cecil Salyer presented the Treasurer’s report. There was a \$1000 donation for the cabin by the Price family.
5. Membership: Sharon Salyer presented the membership report.
6. Results of the July Lopperfest and plans for the August event, Brittany Collins: 3 Ridges is cleaned up. Pete and Jim were a big help. Ridge runner (Mia) was complementary of the work crew. Lopperfest 2 will focus on the Mau-Har Trail, and St. Mary’s. Will notify owner if needing access through the cow pasture.
7. Visitor Use Management Zones, Ned Kuhns: Waiting for a date for information/training sessions. Ned invites interested parties to participate.
8. No cabin report.
9. Sawyer Recertification, Brittany Collins and Lee Lohman: Pete said that few attended the sawyer recertification course. The process is frustrating to some. TATC’s need for an increased number of certified sawyers is acknowledged, but the Forrest Service is encouraging us to limit the number.
10. Local Trails, Dave Plum: Sharon Salyer is organizing a new local trails maintenance activity at Hoffer Creek Wildlife Preserve in Portsmouth for August 19.
11. Outreach, Jim Sexton and Lee Lohman: Jim and Lee had a table at LL Bean. Not as successful as REI (4 vs. 11 people). Not a lot of give-aways were picked up, mainly pamphlets and hand sanitizer. LL Bean is making an effort to better support the club with their employees.
12. Education Committee, Lee Lohman: A Zoom Land Management presentation is being prepared.

13. 50th Anniversary Historical Committee, Jim Sexton: A folder is being added on the TATC website to collect articles for the history book. Jim needs more articles and participation.
14. Holiday Party, Sharon Salyer: An overview of the previous event venue, food, entertainment, and cost was given. Sharon is asking for volunteers to assist with planning and implementation.
15. CDC and VDH announcements about Covid variants' impact on club events, Lee Lohman: Consult the CDC and VDH websites, and be flexible when planning events.
16. Location for August General Membership Meeting and future hybrid meetings, Lee Lohman: Mt Trashmore is being reserved for the August general meeting and future hybrid meetings at a cost of \$70. We need to start by 6-6:30 in order to end by dusk.
17. Board Vacancies: Tabled for now.
18. How to Increase Local Hiking Activity, All: Promote board members hosting an event every other month. Keep events small (10-15 people) and spread out.
19. Vista Hikes, Ned Kuhns: It's a little late to get started with this.
20. Adjournment: The President adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.