

**TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Monthly Meeting
September 1, 2021
(via Zoom due to Covid-19)

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Bob Adkisson, Rosanne Cary, Greg Hodges, Bill Lynn, Kama Mitchell, Gene Monroe, Kari Pincus, Tony Phelps, Nalin Ratnayake,

1. **Welcome and Call to Order:** The meeting, with a quorum, was called to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. **Announcement:** Dave Altman announced he will be taking a great new career opportunity at a submarine facility in Washington State. A replacement will be sought to serve out Dave's remaining tenure. The Board thanks Dave for his contributions to TATC.
3. **Proceedings of Previous Meeting:** The August Board meeting minutes were approved.
4. **Finance:** Cecil Salyer presented the Treasurer's report.
5. **Membership:** Sharon Salyer presented a membership report.
6. **Proposal:** The 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee's plan (8.11.21) for venue, style and approximate date was accepted.
7. **Proposal:** The Holiday Party Committee's vision and assumptions for a 12.4.21 outdoor event at First Landing was accepted.
8. **Proposal:** Lee Lohman's and Jim Sexton's proposal to form a communication committee was accepted. This is to develop a strategy to better integrate various forms of TATC communications: website, newsletter, Facebook, blog, e-mail blasts, Meet-up, 50th plans, etc. So far, Britt C. and John S. have agreed to work with Lee and Jim.
9. **Other Reports:**
 - Visitor Use Management Zones, Ned Kuhns: Ned and Lee will attend a training session on this subject on 9.14.21
 - Local Trails, Dave Plum:
 - Dave and Ellis are meeting with FLSP on 9.9.21 to review a Memo of Understanding regarding TATC's trail maintenance activities.
 - There are upcoming trail maintenance activities planned for Pleasure House Point, FLSP and False Cape. When dates are set, they will appear in the calendar.
 - Over 25 club members have signed up for the Avenza mapping of FLSP.

- Trail Maintenance, Britt Collins: Lopperfest was held 8.13.21 with 3 participants; Fall Maintenance will be Oct. 15-17 with no cap on attendance.
- Hybrid Meetings, Lee Lohman: our next membership meeting may be held simultaneously in-person and via Zoom. This would be greatly facilitated with about \$200 in equipment. This expenditure was authorized.
- It was decided to earmark our annual contribution to the ATC for the Ridgerunner program.
- Bruce Davidson reported the Shenandoah National Park is seeking input on the concept of implementing user fees and a reservation system for backpackers. Lee and Ned will discuss this at an upcoming ATC meeting since this would affect AT hikers.

6. Adjournment - The President adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.