

**TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Monthly Meeting  
April 6, 2022  
(via Zoom)

**Members Present:**

John Barnes, Bill Bunch, Steve Clayton, Brittany Collins, Bruce Davidson, Andy Grayson, Ned Kuhns, Lee Lohman, Kama Mitchell, Dave Plum, Cecil Salyer, Sharon Salyer, Jim Sexton, John Sima

**Members Absent:**

Bob Adkisson, Rosanne Cary, Greg Hodges, Bill Lynn, Kari Pincus,

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 March Board meeting minutes were approved.
3. **Finance:** Cecil Salyer reported that data for the Treasurer's report was delayed and will be presented next month.
4. **Membership:** Sharon Salyer presented the membership report.
5. **Proposal:** Steve Clayton proposed that Lee Lohman sign the Harbor Club contract for the 10.2.22 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration and pay the \$1,250 down payment. This was approved.
6. **Proposal:** Lee Lohman proposed we allow a high school student, Kaya Dargusch, to shadow various TATC activities for the next few months. She will be supervised by her parents, who have signed the TATC release form for minors. This was approved.
7. **Proposal:** Lee Lohman proposed a change in our logo merchandising model from bulk orders needing storing and transporting to meetings, to online individual orders. It was approved to spend \$70 for an initial set-up fee to pilot this model.
8. **Proposal:** Lee Lohman proposed creating a new Facebook page because of the inappropriate material on TATC's Facebook page. The discussion generally favored keeping the current page but providing better gatekeeping and monitoring. This will require the recruitment of a member to take this responsibility.
9. **Reported/Discussed:**
  - Lee Lohman and Mal Higgins determined it is no longer considered feasible to achieve tax-exempt status.
  - The TATC Southern Partnership Meeting will be on 4.22.22.
  - April 9<sup>th</sup> Day in the Park – Sharon Salyer
  - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Historical Committee – Steve Clayton, Jim Sexton
  - Britt Collins and John Sima for the Spring Walk-through (April 15-16) and Spring Maintenance (May 6-8).
  - 500 trees for the 50<sup>th</sup> – Dave Plum discussed the opportunity for TATC to team up with Lynnhaven River Now to apply for a state grant to plant trees. This is being investigated.

- General membership meetings will remain at the Methodist church until the Pretlow library returns to regular hours.
- John Barnes, Outreach Chair, presented a strategic framework for TATC Outreach.
- Power equipment can be used for local trail maintenance if appropriate safety measures are taken, and the sponsoring organization (city/state) does not waive liability.
- John Sima urged members to improve their timely use of the TATC website calendar for all events to avoid duplicate scheduling.
- Andy Grayson presented the opportunity for TATC to participate in National Trails Day on 6.4.22.

**10. Adjournment** - The President adjourned the meeting at 8:44p.m.