

**TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Monthly Meeting

May 4, 2022

(via Zoom; minutes by Bill Bunch)

Members Present:

Lee Lohman, Ned Kuhns, Bruce Davidson, Jim Sexton, Cecil & Sharon Salyer, Greg Hodges, Andy Grayson, Kama Mitchell, Jim Newman, Dave Plum, Kari Pincus, Bill Bunch

Members Absent:

John Barnes, Brittany Collins, John Sima, Bob Adkisson, Rosanne Cary, Bill Lynn, Steve Clayton

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:** Cecil Salyer report
Cecil reported that he has now started fund transfers to a savings account.
Awaiting insurance invoice. Insurance cost has increased
4. **Proposal for Decision:** Steve Clayton proposed the arrangements for the 50th Anniversary and ticket price for the 50th Anniversary Event.
This proposal was approved.
5. **Membership:** Sharon Salyer - Three new members have joined.
6. **Proposal for Decision: Change in TATC's Facebook page. Lee Lohman proposed:**
That the current TATC Facebook page be converted to a TATC members forum and a new official TATC Facebook page be created with a limited focus on engaging potential recruits and promoting TATC's image.
This proposal was approved.
7. **Proposal for Decision: Draft of amendments to the Bylaws.** Lee Lohman proposed that the Board appoint Andy Grayson as the chair of the special committee to produce a draft by the September Board meeting. The chair of the committee is encouraged to solicit suggestions from a wide range of club members. The document transmitting the draft should include the text of all the suggestions made by the membership.
This proposal was approved.
8. **Proposal for Decision: Awards policy.** Lee Lohman proposed that the Board appoint a chair of a special committee to develop a draft awards policy by the June Board meeting. The chair of the committee is encouraged to solicit suggestions from a wide range of club members. The document transmitting the draft should include the text of all the suggestions made by the membership.
This proposal was approved.

9. **Proposal for Decision: Format for Policies and Procedures.** Lee Lohman proposed that the Board recognize that its policy and procedural decisions were dispersed in a variety of locations with some not identified as being approved by the Board. The Board authorized the development of a formal set of policies and procedures and the identification of a single place where they would reside.
This proposal was rejected.
Sharon Salyer volunteered to present an alternative proposal.

10. **Proposal for Decision: Spend \$132 per year so TATC can send out more emails.** Jim Sexton requested \$132 to increase the number of emails that can be sent to all club members per month after running short on the number allowed.
This proposal was approved.

11. Reported/Discussed:

Report on merchandise purchases and pricing. Display of new hats with 50th Anniversary embroidery and discussion of T-shirts. Included pricing and availability of both. Both items will be displayed at upcoming general membership meeting.

Report and discussion on the 500 Trees for 50 Years project. Jim Newman – Norfolk should be billing for planted trees and is ready for more planting in November. Dave Plum – met with Virginia Beach about planting 25-30 trees at Pleasure House Point. Still working with Lynnhaven River Now to be included in their grant application.

Report on the ATC Southern Partnership Meeting. Ned Kuhns – New trail center at Damascus. New privy problem because of clean water act. May be difficult to replace and move. Want to go to moldering privies. Visitor use management was mentioned. Clubs need local use management plan, may need to update ours. Jim Sexton – if toilets fill up, we will have a problem bringing in new toilet structures and wood chips. Money available from license plate sales. Lee Lohman – discussion of local maintenance plan and instructions – possible revision.