

**TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Monthly Meeting

May 3, 2023

**Members Present:**

John Barnes, Bill Bunch, Bruce Davidson, Andy Grayson, Lee Lohman, Kama Mitchell, Dave Plum, Cecil Salyer, Sharon Salyer, Jim Sexton, Lelia Vann

**Members Absent:**

Bob Adkisson, Sandra Canepa, Rosanne Cary, Brittany Collins, Greg Hodges, Ned Kuhns, Jim Newman, John Sima

**Others Present:** Mal Higgins, Greg Reck

1. **Welcome and Call to Order:** The meeting, with a quorum, was called to order by the President at 6:58 p.m.
2. **Proceedings of Previous Meeting:** The March and April Board meeting minutes were approved without amendment.
3. **Finance:** Cecil Salyer provided the Treasurer's report. Current balance is \$40,836.94.
4. **Membership:** Sharon Salyer provided the Membership report. Current membership is 545.
5. **Proposal:** Mal Higgins proposed to amend Board Facebook and Meetup policies to deny access to any individual posting TATC Facebook and TATC Meetup avatars, messages, comments, or other memes which suggest, imply, or otherwise promote firearms of any kind. If the individual does not remove the posting when asked after a reasonable number of days, their post will be removed from TATC Facebook and TATC Meetup. Both Andy Grayson and Lee Lohman, separately proposed amendments. The proposal was not approved.
6. **Proposal:** Andy Grayson proposed to establish standard event safety requirements. Both Mal Higgins and Lee Lohman, separately, proposed amendments. The proposal was approved with amendment resulting in giving the TATC event/hike/bike/paddle leader the final authority to bar participation to anyone who refuses to accept the leader's safety decisions regarding the participant's equipment, clothing suitable to the environment and weather, hiking, biking, etc. There was overall support for a training program for all activity leaders.
7. **Proposal:** Andy Grayson and Lee Lohman proposed to amend the Bylaws. The proposal was deferred to next month.
8. **Proposal:** Lee Lohman proposed an agenda for the May 10, 2023, General Membership Meeting. The proposal was approved with a couple of edits and the addition of the Sunday Hikes and request for Trail Magic donations.
9. **Reported/Discussed:**
  - Preparations for the Day-in-the-Park event reported.

- Results of Earth Day and Norfolk Bike Expo participation and upcoming outreach events reported.
- Upcoming local maintenance and tree planting events reported. 1214 trees planted to date.
- TATC Facebook Page communications reported.

**Reported Earlier:**

- April 2023 General Membership Meeting had 49 people in attendance.

**Adjournment:** The President adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.