

# TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monthly Meeting

June 7, 2023

### **Members Present:**

John Barnes, Bill Bunch, Sandra Canepa, Bruce Davidson, Ned Kuhns, Lee Lohman, Kama Mitchell, Dave Plum, Cecil Salyer, Sharon Salyer, Jim Sexton, John Sima, Lelia Vann, Don Williams

### **Members Absent:**

Bob Adkisson, Rosanne Cary, Brittany Collins, Andy Grayson, Greg Hodges, Jim Newman

**Others Present:** Greg Reck

1. **Welcome and Call to Order:** The meeting, with a quorum, was called to order by President Lee Lohman at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Proceedings of Previous Meeting:** The May Board meeting minutes were approved without amendment.
3. **Finance:** Cecil Salyer provided the Treasurer's report. Current balance is \$41,146.81.
4. **Membership:** Sharon Salyer provided the Membership report. Current membership is 469 (545 was reported last month) after purging 86 members with over a 2-year membership renewal lapse and adding 10 new members this month.
5. **Reported/Discussed:**
  - Facebook Page: 326 new people joined. Jim Sexton requested that all Facebook posts be transferred to Instagram automatically. Bill will research to see if this can be done on our new Facebook page. - Bill Bunch
  - Local maintenance and future events - Dave Plum
  - Day-in-the-Park event: ~60 people participated. - Sharon Salyer
  - Tye River Trail Magic event: ~70 people participated. - Jim Sexton
  - Results of Spring Maintenance event: 47 people participated. - John Sima
  - June Lopperfest event: 5 people have signed up. Can accommodate 12. - John Sima
  - Outreach and future events - John Barnes
  - Discussion of TATC logo merchandise and sales - Lee Lohman
  - Discussion of TATCs obligations under the Volunteer Service Agreement with the US Forest Service: All need to record/report hours volunteered using on-line system. Leaders can report for group. Lee will send out link. - Lee Lohman
  - Discussion of USFS/ATC food storage signage request: Ned Kuhns/Jim Sexton will request signage for John to install at agreed to trail heads/shelters. - John Sima
6. **Proposal:** Lee Lohman proposed to assist Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge with a boardwalk project. The proposal approval was delayed because of difficulty accessing the documentation. However, the board leaned towards seeing if someone was interested in leading the project. If yes, then we would support the leader with advertising for volunteers. Lee will forward documentation so we can have an electronic vote to approve.

**7. Proposal:** Lee Lohman proposed to assist the Chesapeake Bay Foundation execute a shore restoration project. The proposal was approved to advertise for volunteers to help with this event.

**8. Proposal:** Lee Lohman proposed to execute the National Park Service, Volunteer in Parks agreement. The proposal was approved with an understanding to continue negotiations to bring it into conformance with the USFS agreement.

**9. Proposal:** Lee Lohman proposed to continue supplemental insurance coverage for members working on non-Federal land. The proposal was approved to purchase the \$340 supplement coverage.

**10. Proposal:** Lee Lohman proposed an agenda for the June 7, 2023, General Membership Meeting. The proposal was approved with the agreement to allow up to 5 minutes of Q&A for the guest speaker.

**Reported Earlier:**

- May 2023 General Membership Meeting had 68 people in attendance.

**Adjournment:** President Lee Lohman adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.