

TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monthly Meeting
January 3, 2024

Members Present:

John Barnes, Bill Bunch, Sandra Canepa, Bruce Davidson, Paul Heymann, Ned Kuhns, Lee Lohman, Kama Mitchell, Cecil Salyer, Sharon Salyer, Peg Seriani, Jim Sexton, John Sima, Lelia Vann

Members Absent:

Rosanne Cary, Brittany Collins, Kevin Dubois, Andy Grayson, Greg Hodges, Jim Newman, Don Williams

Others Present: Greg Reck, Rich Seriani, Kaci Midgette

- 1. Welcome and Call to Order:** The meeting, with a quorum, was called to order by President Lohman at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Proceedings of Previous Meeting:** The December 2023 Board meeting minutes were accepted without amendment.
- 3. Finance:** Cecil Salyer provided the Treasurer's report. Current balance is \$39,069.90.
- 4. Membership:** Sharon Salyer provided the Membership report. Current membership is 422 members.
- 5. Reported/Discussed:**
 - Open Action Items provided. -Lelia Vann
 - Monthly Volunteer Time provided. -Lelia Vann
 - Cabin Operations Report provided. -Lee Lohman for Greg Hodges
 - Local trail maintenance events on January 12 and 26 for English Ivy Removal at First Landing State Park. -Paul Heymann
 - Upcoming Outreach Booth at Winter Wildlife Festival on January 27. -John Barnes
 - Results of Holiday Party reported: 50 attendees -Sharon Salyer
 - Dept. of Corrections Bear Box proposal reported. -Lee Lohman
 - January 12, 2024, Boundary Survey discussed. -Lee Lohman
 - Ad hoc Awards Committee reported: First meeting on January 17. -Jim Sexton
 - Adoption of a voluntary TATC Demographic Information Collection Form to supply information required by federal agencies under TATC's agreements was discussed. Jim Sexton suggested adding a check box at the bottom of the form indicating "I do not wish to disclose additional information". Ned Kuhns suggested that we ask other clubs how they collect and provide this information to the federal agencies. -Lee Lohman
 - Initiative to confirm boundaries of TATC's land surrounding the Cabin reported. -Lee Lohman
 - Progress on the revision and updating of TATC's educational documents discussed and ad hoc committee members assigned.
 - TATC Tool Shed Inventory tentatively scheduled for February 20, 2024. -Lee Lohman
- 6. Proposal:** John Barnes and Michelle Cobb proposed ordering 250 copies of 3 different refrigerator magnets for outreach swag (750 total magnets). \$280 was approved for this purchase.
- 7. Proposal:** Lee Lohman proposed assumptions and objectives to shape the FY2024 budget. The proposal was approved without amendment.
- 8. Proposal:** Lee Lohman proposed volunteer time reporting and a simplified and focused method of collecting the data. The proposal was delayed for John Sima and Jim Sexton to suggest an alternate proposed solution.

- 9. Proposal:** Lee Lohman proposed appointment of an ad hoc Health and Safety Committee to define how TATC will decide on best practices for club activities. The proposed committee members and their tasks were approved without amendment via email on January 14, 2024.
- 10. Proposal:** Lee Lohman proposed adopting hybrid (in-person and virtual) board meetings under certain circumstances. The proposal was tabled until additional details can be provided.
- 11. Proposal:** Andy Grayson, Paul Heyman, and Lee Lohman proposed to purchase a stand that will permit the large screen TV at the church to be elevated to a convenient viewing height for the entire TATC GMM audience. The Board authorized expenditure up to \$205 to procure and install a mobile stand after confirming church approval and the stand's appropriateness for our use.
- 12. Proposal:** Lee Lohman proposed an agenda for the January 10, 2024, General Membership Meeting. The proposal was approved with minor changes.

Reported Later:

- January 2024 GMM had 40 people in attendance.

Adjournment: President Lohman adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.