

**TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Monthly Meeting

December 4, 2019

Members Present: Bill Bunch, Douglas Cary, Rosanne Cary, Ned Kuhns, Lee Lohman, Ellis Malabad, Jim Newman, Jim Sexton, Steve Rosenthal

Members Absent: Bob Adkisson, Mark Ferguson, Patrick Hayes, Bruce Julian, Jim Moir, Phyllis Neumann, Tony Phelps, J.P. Richards, Sharon Salyer, Juliet Stephenson, Mark Van Zandt

1. Welcome and Call to Order

President Rosanne Cary determined the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Proceedings of Previous Meeting

On a motion by Ned Kuhns, seconded by Ellis Malabad, the board of directors approved the minutes of the November 6, 2019 meeting.

3. Finance Report

Douglas Cary presented the treasurer's report noting that income exceeded expenses for the month due to an unexpected donation from a member, a donation from Devil's Backbone and a successful silent auction.

4. Trails Report

Regarding our section of the AT, campsites, and the surrounding area that we maintain, Jim Sexton reported that 105 trees have been cut down in the Maupin Field area, and should be used in the rehab of campsites. Jim Newman will organize a trip to do the work, probably in late March of 2020. Ned Kuhns will contact ATC about securing a grant from the license plate funds for the purchase of fire rings for the Maupin Field shelter area.

5. ATC Report - and other business

The annual audit will take place on Feb. 19 at Ned Kuhns' house. Ned reported also that Bill Rogers, who for years conducted training sessions for TATC, will no longer run these sessions but will share materials with anyone would like to use them in future training sessions.

6. President's Report

Rosanne Cary discussed the following items:

- The annual budget meeting will be held on January 15, 6 p.m. at the home of Ned Kuhns.
- A discussion regarding club income will be held at the February board meeting.
- The proposed slate of officers for the upcoming elections would include Steve Clayton and Kari Pincus as secretary and counselor, respectively.
- Ms. Cary and Jim Sexton are working towards getting new marketing materials for the club with funds from the grant recieved from ATC. They have consulted with club member Christine Morgan regarding design and will touch base with her again in January.
- The offer made by Extreme Terrain of \$250 for TATC to hold an event and allow publication of the event for the use of Extreme Terrain. The offer will be declined on behalf of the board.
- Hard hats used during maintenance - the hats have a shelf life, and a number of the club hats need replacing. Douglas Cary offered to provide his distributorship discount if the necessary hats could be purchased through his company. Lee Lohman will contact Dave Whitmore of the USFS regarding compliance with standards.
- Member Mal Higgins has forwarded the annual SEC forms for submission.
- A check for \$300 has been given to the Pretlow Library as our annual donation.

7. Chair's Reports

Education. A long discussion took place regarding trail maintenance and training sessions. Lee Lohman noted that the USFS had a number of training videos available for streaming. It was emphasized that education should be built into all TATC trail maintenance trips. Rosanne Cary will contact ATC to secure a staff member to come to a membership meeting to provide a program about trail maintenance. Further discussion was deferred to the January, 2020 board meeting.

Newsletter/Notices/Webmaster. Jim Sexton stated that the success of the Silent Auction showed the need for more tables to hold all the items, and stressed the need for a more efficient check out to depart the library before closing time. He added that he was in possession of the club's dvd player, monitor and small display board.

Programs. Ellis Malabad is working on scheduling presentations for the next several monthly membership meetings. Steve and Mimi Rosenthal will present a report on their September, 2019, hiking trip to Gros Morne National Park in Newfoundland at the March membership meeting, and Ned Kuhns tentatively slated for April. Other programs TBD.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.