

APPROVED 5/6/20

**TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Monthly Meeting**

**February 5, 2020**

**Members Present:** Bill Bunch, Rosanne Cary, Steve Clayton, Mark Ferguson, Patrick Hayes, Bruce Julian, Ned Kuhns, Lee Lohman,, Bill Lynn, Ellis Malabad, Kama Mitchell, Phyllis Neumann, Dave Plum, Rosemary Plum, Steve Rosenthal, Jim Sexton, Nathan Terault

**Members Absent:** Jim Moir, Suzanne Moss, Jim Newman, Juliet Stephenson, Mark Van Zandt

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

The President determined the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m..

**2. Proceedings of Previous Meeting**

UPON MOTION AND SECOND, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER, 2019 AND JANUARY 2020 MEETINGS, WITH ONE CORRECTION FOR DECEMBER TO REFLECT THAT MARK FERGUSON WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

**3. Finance Report**

Ms. Cary presented the Treasurer's report in the absence of Douglas Cary, noting that \$1,791.44 of the \$4000 grant from ATC has been spent so far on marketing and promotional items.

**4. Trails Report**

**5. ATC Report**

Ned Kuhns pointed out that he and Jim & Chris Sexton will represent TATC at the Southern Partnership Meeting of all the AT maintaining clubs south of the Shenandoah National Park on Friday and Saturday, 13 & 14 March at Hungry Mother State Park near Marion, VA. They will then attend the Spring Virginia Regional Partnership Committee (RPC) Meeting on Saturday and Sunday, 14 & 15 March. He asked if the Board had any specific topics/issued they wanted raised to the RPC, of which there were none. Ned agreed to deliver the two checks

for \$250 each for TATC's donation to ATC HQ's if they could be available at the March Board meeting.

The President of ATC, Sandi Marra, is hosting her initial Virtual Town Hall meeting at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, 26 February. Call-in instructions have been sent by e-mail. He agreed to forward the information to Jim Sexton and Lee who requested a copy.

The annual TATC Financial Audit will be held at Ned's house at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, 19 February. It appears Bill Bunch will be the only Counselor available to conduct the audit with Ned.

Jim and Chris Sexton will be activity leaders for a TATC picnic to be held at Newport News Park on June 13, 2020.

## **6. Hikemaster Report**

There will be a \$139 contribution coming to TATC from MedicSolo/ODU wilderness first aid course. Select club events will be shared on the ATC website; our contact at ATC is Alivia Acosta. The annual Chocolate Hike will take place on Feb 9 and a Happy Hiker Hour will take place on Feb 13.

## 7. **President's Report**

Ms. Cary covered the following in her report:

- Juliet Stephenson has stepped down as Historian Committee Chair and FaceBook lead admin.
- J.P. Richards has stepped down as Local Trails Committee Chair.
- The slate of appointments to chair committee positions:
  - Bill Lynn - Timekeeper; Suzanne Moss - Programs; Dave Plum - Local Trails; Rosemary Plum - Outreach; Jim Sexton - Historian. Upon motion and second, the board approved the President's appointments for membership to the Board of Directors.
- Replacement hard hats: After checking with the USFS Safety Officer in Roanoke, Dave Whitmore (USFS) approved the selection of hard hats that will be purchased through a local distributor (Douglas Cary). Board members agreed to move forward with the purchase.
- Ms. Cary reviewed the purchase cost of several of the new promotional items. The board agreed to place some of these items in Merchandise for sale.
- A reminder about changing the month of the photo contest to June, in order to maximize the sales window for the new calendars.
- A reminder of the budget presentation at next week's membership meeting.
- A reminder of the upcoming audit on February 19 - Bill Bunch will attend as will Ned Kuhns and Douglas Cary.

## 8. **Chair's Reports**

- Education Committee. Mr. Lohman raised the desirability of soliciting questions the members may have about trail maintenance at the next general meeting for forwarding to Josh Kloehn to help him prepare for his presentation in April. He also requested 15 to 20 minutes at the next general meeting for the next phase of the first aid familiarization, which the president will try to fit into the meeting. He added that with any such presentation, we should clearly declare to the members that we are only trying to familiarize them with approaches to first aid and not give first aid instruction. He further noted that the current A/V equipment owned by the club is dated technology and suggested we purchase something with more current technology such as a chromebook. Mr. Lohman relayed a request from the SOLO/Medic first aid organization to put an article he wrote for our membership on their new website. The board agreed they had provided TATC appropriate acknowledgement from them regarding our participation.
- Local Trails. Dave Plum reported on the work accomplished at the First Landing State Park Campground.

- Membership. Kama Mitchell reported a total of 478 members, and that three new member packets were sent. The board reviewed the changes to membership fees effective March 1 which were approved during the January board meeting.
  - Newsletter/Notices/Webmaster. Jim Sexton reported website expenditures for the 2019 fiscal year of \$1,280.50. He noted that he will be attending both the Southern Partnership and the Central VA A.T. Partnership meetings as well as an online Town Hall meeting with ATC on February 26; a picnic is planned for June 13 at Newport News Park; the website and forwarding email addresses for the newly installed board will be updated February 29 as well as the membership fees on Wild Apricot and the hardcopy applications. Mr. Sexton led a discussion regarding the purchase of fire rings for Maupin Field.
  - Programs It was noted that programs have been scheduled through May so far.
  - Tool Boss. Bruce Julian conducted an inventory of the club tools and gave Ms. Cary a copy of the inventory, which was short one cleaning brush. He stated that he would purchase new lifting slings as soon as the new budget took affect. A discussion ensued about hard hats; Ms. Cary gave him one of the new hats to check the fit for eye and ear protection. He added he had would get a copy of the inventory to Jim Newman. He reported that the storage shed was paid through March 21, 2021, and that he had a refund of \$16.00 to turn in.
- 9. Adjournment** There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.