

**TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Monthly Meeting  
January 6, 2021  
(via Zoom due to Covid-19)

**Members Present:**

Douglas Cary, Rosanne Cary, Steve Clayton, Greg Hodges, Ned Kuhns, Lee Lohman, Ellis Malabad, Kama Mitchell, Phyllis Neumann, Jim Newman, Kari Pincus, Dave Plum, Nalin Ratnayake, Sharon Salyer, Jim Sexton; Guests: Dave Altman, Brittany Collins, Bruce Davidson, Cecil Salyer

**Members Absent:**

Bob Adkisson, Mark Ferguson, Patrick Hayes, Bill Lynn, Tony Phelps, Rosemary Plum, 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 a motion by Ellis Malabad and a second by Lee Lohman, the Board approved the minutes of the November Board meeting.
3. **Finance Report:** Douglas Cary presented the Treasurer's report.
4. **President's Report:** Rosanne Cary covered the following:
  - A recruitment notice will be put in the newsletter for a Program Chair – the only position not filled on the slate of upcoming Board members.
  - The Roanoke AT club might be acquiring the management of a cabin, called the Dowd property, from the ATC. Rosanne Cary, Ned Kuhns and Greg Hodges provided advice and information to the Roanoke members about our experience with cabin management.
  - The budget meeting will be February 19 at 7 pm via Zoom.
5. **Chair's Reports:**
  - Trail Supervisor – Jim Newman reported some graffiti and exaggerated blue blazes on the trail between Reed's Gap and Hanging Rock. Additional information is being sought before deciding what action we should take.
  - Counselors – Ellis Malabad requested some clarity regarding the process for Board elections via Zoom for the next membership meeting. The following was agreed upon:
    - The President will introduce the new slate and ask each nominee to say a few words about themselves and their candidacy;
    - Nominees will be asked to "turn around", or otherwise not look at their screen while a vote takes place; the vote will be by show of hands;
    - The chat function of Zoom can be used by members to make comments in general or privately to the President;
  - Membership – Sharon Salyer and Kama Mitchell reported 5 new members for a total of 451 members. They will continue forwarding new member contact information to Counselors to welcome them and answer questions.

- Land Management – Nalin Ratnayake received authorization to purchase 5 safety vests for approximately \$70. Additionally, Nalin will complete the necessary forms and work with the USFS regarding a reported encroachment by individuals on ATVs resulting in vegetation damage and trash.

6. **Adjournment** - The President adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.