

**TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Monthly Meeting

November 6, 2019

Members Present: Bob Adkisson, Bill Bunch, Douglas Cary, Rosanne Cary, Mark Ferguson, Patrick Hayes, Bruce Julian, Ned Kuhns, Lee Lohman, Ellis Malabad, Kama Mitchell, Phyllis Neumann, Jim Newman, Tony Phelps, J.P. Richards, Sharon Salyer, Jim Sexton, Mark Van Zandt

Members Absent: Jim Moir, Steve Rosenthal, Juliet Stephenson

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

ON A MOTION BY NED KUHN, SECONDED BY BOB ADKISSON, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2019 MEETING.

3. Finance Report

Douglas Cary reported on the status of the expenditures and receipts for the club.

4. Trails Report

Jim Newman reported on the work done recently in the area of the Maupin Field shelter. Josh Klohn of ATC spearheaded the effort during which a crew of eight (with four "C" certified sawyers) took down 105 trees. Jim Sexton suggested a survey be conducted to assess the tent pads and fire rings in the camping area.

5. ATC Report

Jim Sexton and Ned Kuhns covered the following points in their report:

- The online reporting system for incidents and changes to trail inventory.
- Check-in procedures for volunteers, noting the success of Jim Newman's recent use of a check-in board at fall maintenance. It was suggested that the club develop a more detailed reporting system for individuals. A January target date was set to implement new procedures.
- Food storage and bear exclusion devices, and the move away from bear bagging. He stated that there is not yet a bear policy in the GW-Jefferson NF at this time. Mr. Sexton will check with the district ranger regarding food storage rules.
- The next Southern Partnership meeting will take place March 13 - 15, 2020, and the next VARO meeting will be held on October 24.
- Vista 2020 has been cancelled.
- Volunteer Service Agreements: There has been a lot of pushback from some clubs regarding the liability issue. ODATC is having a lawyer review the documents. Mr. Sexton sug-

gested the club examine our job descriptions and compare what we currently do and are responsible for to the requirements in the VSA.

- ATC has authorized two attendees from the club to attend a Volunteer Leadership Meeting at ATC expense. Mr. Kuhns suggested we send present or future club leaders.
- Kathryn Herndon is expecting a child.
- AT saw policy: there is a new requirement for blood-borne pathogen training.

6. **Hikemaster Report**

Phyllis Neumann will provide hard copy schedules at the November general meeting.

7. **President's Report**

Ms. Cary covered the following points in her report:

- ATC would be hosting a conference call regarding the court ruling on the Cowpasture decision (about the proposed pipeline). She will email the link to anyone interested in participating.
- She will bring the "Mau-Har Holiday Blend" coffee to sell at the November meeting.
- Andrew Downs will be sending the club a check for \$4000 in grant money for our marketing materials.

8. **Chair's Reports**

Cabin Committee. Bob Adkisson reported on the status of the cabin and rentals. He added that the spring is not running at this time.

Counselors. Nothing to report at this time.

Education. Lee Lohman presented the results of the recent online survey, with a 10% response rate. The number one request was for first aid training. Ned Kuhns will contact Bill Rogers for any contact information Bill may have for a Wilderness First Aid trainer; Lee will get with library staff about using the video system and setting up brief training at meetings.

Land Management. No report available.

Membership. Sharon Salyer reported the membership total is 460: 60 life members, 208 family and 192 single members.

Newsletter/Notices/Webmaster. Jim Sexton reminded the members that the deadline for the newsletter is November 28. He added a request for tables, snacks and drinks for the November meeting, and for the president to send thank you letters to our corporate donors. He added that he and Mrs. Sexton will be sponsoring a picnic in June at the Newport News Park.

Tool Boss. Nothing to report.

Merchandise. Nothing to report.

9. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.