

**RATC Board Meeting Minutes**  
April 11, 2016  
Hollins Public Library, Roanoke, VA

**In attendance:** Bruce Agnew, Matt Allenbaugh, Blanche Brower, Diana Christopulos, Bruce Davidson, Jonathan Eagle, Frank Haranzo, Roger Holnback, Carina Hughes, David Jones, Bruce Kelly, Bill Kyle, Will Kyle, John Miller, Bob Peckman, Jim Webb, Homer Witcher, Therese Witcher, Brendle Wolfe

Meeting was called to order by Diana at 7:00 pm.

**Guests:**

Will Kyle and his father Bill Kyle.

Will had attended a previous board meeting to propose a Boy Scout Eagle Scout service project.

During previous meeting, the board heard and approved his request to build a new Kiosk at the McAfee Knob 311 parking lot.

Will provided an update, giving the plans he would use, outlined his fundraising plans (goal of \$2000) and a target completion date of the first of June 2016.

There was some discussion as to the location.

Jim Webb would meet at the parking lot and discuss details with Will.

Will also requested that the club provide some funding. This request was tabled until a need for additional funds arose.

Matt Allenbaugh.

Matt is the 2016 Virginia Region Office, Appalachian Trail Conservancy (VARO ATC) ridge runner for the Dragon's Tooth to Daleville AT corridor (McAfee Knob).

His position starts 4/25/2016.

This year the position is full time.

Duties include hiking the corridor, office work and assisting in coordinating and training the RATC McAfee Knob task force, including directing volunteers for best coverage of the corridor.

**Future meeting dates and locations:**

May 9	Diana Christopulos's residence in Salem, VA
Jun 6	Bob Peckman's residence in Roanoke, VA [ <b>location later changed to TBD</b> ]
July 11	Location TBD
Aug	<i>No meeting in August</i>
Sep 12	Location TBD

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Diana made a motion to approve the February minutes as presented. Bob seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

**Treasurer's Report (Blanche Brower):**

Financial activity since last board meeting (report attached at the end of the minutes):

Total in Checking	\$14,810.48
Total Assets	\$29,315.47
Receipts	\$2,515.00
Expenditures	\$421.99

(Included in the total assets are designated funds as follows \$4,905.03 for the Pine Swamp Shelter and \$1,470.48 for the McAfee Task Force)

2016 Budget (attached at end of minutes)

Submitted via email to the board prior to the meeting

Budget discussed. Roger made a motion to accept the budget. Jim seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**President's Report (Diana Christopulos):**

McAfee Knob

McAfee Knob Task Force

Training June 11, 2016

Task forces starting regular site visits

Triple Crown Meeting

Meeting May 6, 2016

Discussion of McAfee issues with the Roanoke Appalachian Trail Club (RATC), Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC), George Washington-Jefferson National Forest (GWJNF) and Appalachian Trail Park Office (ATPO-NPS).

LL Bean Grant

Grant funding outreach of McAfee Knob users

In collaboration with RATC and Outdoor Club of Virginia Tech (OCVT)

Goal of developing contacts with Virginia Tech community to deliver message of Leave No Trace and to provide the policies and rules of the McAfee Knob area.

Mount Valley Pipeline

GWJNF as a commenting agency submitted 32 page report. Diana prepared 10 page abbreviated document of the GWJNF report with an additional 4 page summary

**Action items/Special updates:**

Southern Regional Partnership Meeting (John Miller)

March 11-13, 2016, Hungry Mother State Park, Marion, Virginia

RATC attendees Jim Webb, John Miller (Sat and Sun), David Jones (Fri-Konnarock Steering Committee Meeting)

Konnarock Crew weeks for RATC

2016 2 weeks Sinking Creek Mountain relocation

2017 2 weeks Sinking Creek Mountain relocation

2018 2 weeks Sinking Creek Mountain relocation

Funds for trail maintenance are available from the ATC's state license plate sales.

Hazardous Tree removal policy

Board had spirited discussion

What is a hazardous tree?

Concerns of closing the trail till tree removed

John asked board members to submit these comments to him via email and he would report them to the ATC

New/updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the RATC and the ATC

"Looks good"

RATC can choose tasks which it feels comfortable taking responsibility for

John asked for feedback

John will resend the MOU to the board.

Tabled till later board meeting

#### Vacant Board Positions

##### Counselor

Sandy Meyers decided she could not serve due to family responsibilities

Would like to find someone from the Virginia Tech community to serve as counselor

#### **Trail Supervisor's Report (Jim Webb):**

Bluff City relocation is open

Corn Boil picnic is going to be the last weekend in July versus the first weekend in August to accommodate the schedule of the Konnarock Crew working in our area

Continuing work on removing last rock slab bridge on the trail up to McAfee Knob

Visiting the Given's site junk pile with the GWJNF to determine how this material can be removed

#### **Conservation Supervisor (Butch Kelly)**

Diana introduced Butch, a new member to the board

Mainly working on invasive species

Work hike at Burress Tract April 17, 2016

Looking for volunteers for invasive work—Master Naturalists

#### **Membership Report (Brendle Wolfe)**

New members 9, renewal memberships 23, total current membership is >400

Roanoke Valley Gives—March 16, 2016

One day regional funding drive for non-profits

RATC received \$1435 from 25 donors

Diana acknowledged Brendle's efforts to "advertise" the RATC as a listed non-profit for this fund drive; relative to other non-profits that board members are associated, RATC did very well

#### Upcoming Tabling Events

##### Go Fest

2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October

No information yet

##### Troutville Trail Days

June 3-4, 2016

ATC is requesting hike leaders

#### **Trail Supervisor's Report (Homer and Therese Witcher):**

Bailey Gap Shelter needs a new roof

Will ask the GWJNF if have funds for this work

##### Wapiti Shelter

Long term problem with bug infestation of the logs

Shelter will be the next shelter that needs to be replaced

#### **Hike Master Report (Bob Peckman)**

Nothing to report

#### **Newsletter Editor (Bob Peckman)**

Need contributions for the Trail Blazer by June 1

**Digital Media Report (Diana Christopulos, Jonathan Eagle)**

Working on forwarding on line purchases to the Treasurer

Website seems to be under attack—(“Someone is banging on our backdoor). Many thousands of site visits in a short period.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30**

# RATC

## Treasurer's Report Info for Minutes

4/11/16

Balance in Checking as of :	4/11/16	14,810.48
Bequest from Robert L. Trimpi Trust//Pine Swamp Shelter***	4/11/16	4,905.03
McAfee Task Force Fund !!!	4/11/16	1,470.48
Total Assets as of:	4/11/16	\$29,315.47
Total Equity as of:	4/11/16	\$29,315.47

\*\* Amounts are included in balance in checking  
!!!Amount included in checking for McAfee Task Force Only

Net Loss for Period:

Total Income During Period: 2,515.00

Significant Items

Dues -	415.00
Donations	622.00
Roanoke Valley Gives Fund Raiser	1,470.00
Receipts Donation Box McAfee (/Tinker (0)	
Stickers(\$2.50 each)	5.00
Patches RATC (\$5)	
Patch 113 Mile (\$3)	3.00
T-Shirt (\$20 )	
Hat (\$10)	
Amazon Smile	
Interest Income - Savings-	
Interest Income - Checking-	
Refund Service Charge	
Interest Income-CD -Yearly Int. 2015	
Extra from PayPal	
Postage received 4/shpg. hats,patches, etc.	

Total Expense During Period: \$421.99

Significant Items

Linda Akers (supplies Annual Mtg.)	\$26.70
Christ Lutheran Church (Fellowship Hall-Annual Mtg.)	\$75.00
Handy John Handy Rental(1-port-a-john) McAfee Knob	\$65.00
Papa John's (Pizza Overseerers Mtg)	\$129.00
Lowes (Moved shed \$25.22/\$101.07 Shelters)	\$126.29

## Approved Budget for 2016

Board Member	Position	Amount Requested	Actual Amount Spent A/O 4/11/16	Balance on Hand
David Jones	Secretary	0.00		0.00
Diana Christopulos	President (Misc. Expenses)	140.00		140.00
Roger Holnback	Vice-President	0.00		0.00
Bob Peckman	Blazer/Post Cards	1,800.00	123.70	1,676.30
Witchers	Shelter Maintainers	1,000.00	148.15	851.85
Jim Webb	Trail supervisor	2,000.00		1,974.78
	Tools/supplies			
	Other structures		25.22	
	Port-A-John McAfee	1,400.00	195.00	1,205.00
	Overseer Meeting	600.00		600.00
Brendle Wolfe	New Member Cor.	250.00	16.52	233.48
Bob Peckman	Hike Master	20.00		20.00
Blanche Brower	Treasurer	100.00	19.60	80.40
	Treasurer VA	25.00		25.00
	United States PO	1,000.00	102.00	898.00
Linda Akers	Activities	750.00	154.35	595.65
Membership Expenses	Out Reach web, display, expos	31.00		31.00
	MeetUp Group	144.00	89.94	54.06
	Volunteer hats, gloves, etc. awards	425.00		425.00
	Patches			0.00
	Stickers			0.00
	PayPal	30.00	85.05	<b>-55.05</b>
Organization/Business	Travel Exp. ATC Out of State Mtgs	500.00		500.00
	Expenses of In State Mtgs.	200.00	125.00	75.00
	Other Printing	150.00		150.00
Bruce Davidson	Land Management-Boundary	350.00		350.00
Jim Brown	Sign Maker	150.00		150.00
Donations		200.00		200.00

**Total: 11,265.00 1,084.53 10,180.47**