

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park
Minutes of Meeting February 24, 2014**

Present: Harvey & Moe Thompson, Donna & Doug Niemi, JoAnn Severt, Rhonda Walls

Minutes of last meeting Approved

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of February 17, 2014 \$5741.01

Credits		Debits	
Membership	50.00	USPS (stamps)	46.00
Donations	243.11	D&D Trophy	3.00
T-shirt sales	12.00	Amazon (Ipod mini for birding programs)	37.48
Trail Guide Sales	43.00	Fox Creek Grocery (books by Ellie Kirby)	36.00
Hayride Food Returns	40.00	John Canfield (Web Master, web site hosting, domain name registration, web support)	100.00
Hunt Sales	150.60		
Hammock Forums	285.00	VA Association for Parks (annual dues)	20.00
Total Credits	\$823.71	Total Debits	\$242.48

Treasurer Report Presented and Approved

Old Business

- Will check with Julie about status of photos for website.
- Harvey submitted the donation check from FOGH for the tourism booklet. It has been accepted but not yet deposited due to others' checks have not been received.
- Hunt food sales brought in \$150. Rhonda donated the food. A total of 21 deer were taken (7 bucks and 14 doe).
- Hammock Forums camped during the month of January and made a nice donation to the Friends' group.

Park Manager Time

Natural Bridge has been purchased by the Virginia Conservation Legacy Fund & when the loan is paid off, VCLF will donate the Bridge and some 1,531 acres to DCR to be operated as a state park. Nate Clark is the new Park Manager at Hungry Mother State Park. He has two young sons, Bradley and Ryan. The new administration has selected Molly Ward as the Secretary of Natural Resources. She is planning a visit to southwest Virginia and plans to visit Grayson Highlands on April 24th. The VALORS bill is before the General Assembly for review. The headliner for this year's Wayne C Festival will be Vince Gill. The date is June 21st. His wife, Amy Grant, is interested in camping in the park. Due to the restriction on hours worked, all 1500 hour employees may not work beyond 1460 hours. Aaron Parlier is conducting a study and will put together a blog on the Roan Mountain Bluet. Eleven staff completed CPR, First Aid and Blood Borne Pathogens certification. The annual Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park report has been submitted to Gaston. The park will have a YCC crew the last week in July. Marceia is attending in service training this week. There has been no news on filling the open Chief Ranger position at Grayson Highlands.

New Business

- The Friends have been asked to meet the new Secretary of Natural Resources on April 24th from about 10:30-1:00 and provide a lunch for those attending. Moe will check on Tricia's at Framing Unlimited to see what options are available for catering a lunch. FOGH will present a gift basket to the Secretary with items about and from the local area.

Next meeting March 31, 2014, 6:30 p.m., at the park office

*****All FOGH volunteers are asked to please be sure to post volunteer hours. *****