

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park
Minutes of Meeting March 31, 2014**

Present: Harvey & Moe Thompson, Donna & Doug Niemi, JoAnn Severt, Marceia Holland

Minutes of last meeting Approved

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of March 31, 2014 \$5775.10

Credits		Debits	
Membership	10.00		
Donations	8.34		
Trail Guide Sales	15.75		
Total Credits	\$ 34.09	Total Debits	\$0.00

Treasurer Report Presented and Approved

Old Business

- Will check with John about website update.
- Friends will host a lunch for a "Meet and Greet" with Secretary of Natural Resources, Molly Ward. Her husband and one other guest will be accompanying her. Moe will email and mail invitations with response request by April 8th to allow time for stragglers. Lunch will include Chicken Salad on whole wheat, vegetable tray and fruit tray. Moe will provide a Blueberry Pizza. Donna is putting together a gift basket. Moe to let Donna know head count by April 19th.

Park Manager Time

VAFP will have their Spring meeting at Westmorland State Park May 8th – 10th. The solar panel door, on the weather station, needs to be replaced and will cost approximately \$40. YCC crew will be a group of girls July 20th through August 9th. Graduation will be August 9th. The Spring Manager meeting will be at Fairy Stone State Park April 22nd – 24th. Seasonal staff is being hired with 12 individuals returning from last year. Maintenance is working on getting the water back on when the weather warms. Plans for a prescribed burn this Wednesday along the campground road are in the works. The new director of DCR will be Clyde Christman and he will begin on April 1st. Harvey just returned from a meeting at Heatwood with 6 persons representing VA State Parks. Grayson ranks 7 of 7 in the plan to replace the Chief Ranger so this will be awhile before we have a replacement on staff. Your Comments Count (YCC) is now electronic so GHSP has only had 2 completed. Grayson Highlands State Park will be part of a pilot program to introduce "site specific" reservations beginning in 2015. This service will be available to reservations on June 1st. Only 20% of sites will be on this system for the 2 year pilot program (this will include 12 sites at Grayson). Douthat, Hungry Mother, & First Landing are also participating in this program. Aaron Parlier will have another Bouldering & Trail event this Memorial Day weekend. The goal for this year is to firm areas of the trail. All computers at the park have been refreshed and the technician continues to work out the kinks with this process.

New Business

- Donna & Doug announced they will be first time grandparents July of 2014.

Next meeting April 21, 2014, 7:00 p.m., at the park office

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