

Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park

Minutes of Meeting April 23, 2018

Present: Harvey & Moe Thompson, Shirley Sloan-Babb, Rhonda Walls, Joann Severt, Andrew Stern, Tommie Kennedy, Evalynn Halsey and Lee Blankenship

Minutes approved

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of April 23, 2018	\$ 7,639.85
Total Credits	\$ 10.00
Total Debits	\$ 727.16
Balance March 19, 2018	\$ 8,357.01

Treasurer Report Presented & Approved

Old Business

- Lumber to construct the dulcimer instrument display case is being coordinated. Larry Thomson will work on this project.
- Logistics can fabricate the signs for the tools and instruments. Interpreters will compile list of tool items.
- Cost of printing of 2000 Trail Guides from A&B Printing will be \$1.50 each. Order has been approved and we are waiting for A&B to complete the project.
- Cost for printing 250 FOGH membership brochures and 150 FOGH letterhead stationery is \$77.50. Moe has picked up the printing. Jerry's Printing used a laser printer & the brochure colors are more vibrant than the past. The brochures look very nice.

Items for Trunk Games at Camp Host site for check out & return have not yet been ordered. Andrew will order 2 volleyballs, 1 dodgeball, & 1 soccer ball.

Egg Hunt was held at 11:00 on March 31st in the field behind the Park Office with 35 individuals participating and 430 eggs hidden. Tommie Kennedy assisted with the project. 55 items were given as prizes from the tote and there are 935 eggs remaining for use next year.

Snacks & Drinks for the D6 Kickoff on May 2nd at GHSP have been purchased and donated by the FOGH. Friends members are invited to attend if they wish.

Moe updated the FOGH Interpreter computer Microsoft Operating System.

On-site use of Foxfire Books have been purchased and donated by FOGH.

Sharon Ewing expressed thanks for sympathy & donation sent in honor of her father.

Park Manager Time

Water samples were taken today in preparation for full service by May 1st. Spring Ops meeting was held at Hungry Mother. Wayne Henderson played at the Lincoln with Harvey introducing him. Craig Seaver and others were very complimentary about the presentation. Season hiring is still in progress. Many FOGH members attended the District VAFP meeting held at Hungry Mother on April 7th. The economic impact of \$5.7 million for GHSP was reported at this meeting. GHSP is 5th in YCC responses with 633 completed. Visitation is up about 15-20%. Albert Hash Memorial Festival will be held on Sept 1st from 11-7. Customer Service Training will be held for all Seasonal Staff. Four from the park will be attending Retail training at Claytor Lake. Additional training includes blood borne pathogens and canoe training. GHSP is waiting on bids for Vault Toilet for the Massie Gap area. May 2nd D6 Kickoff will include activities on bouldering, search & rescue, salamander meander, pony program, luthier Gerald Anderson, and park tour. Approximately 100-115 participants are expected. Lunch will be provided with D6 Awards and music with Wayne. Run Bum race will be held May 5th & 6th.

New Business

Blue Ridge Relay has requested 4-6 volunteers for the race to be held Sept 7th from 4 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Rhonda, Moe, Joann, Evalyn and Tommie plan to assist. Rhonda will check with Marla.

Subscription renewal for the Declaration Newspaper was requested and approved.

Interpreter Lee Blankenship requested reimbursement of \$36 for supplies for butterfly and salamander crafts. FOGH approved. Interpreters are advised to use the FOGH tax exempt form for purchases and to provide individual receipts for materials without personal purchases included on the receipts.

Matt Claybrook is donating fly fishing items for possible program for next year. Bub Emerson was suggested as a contact to assist with this program.

An individual from Jefferson NC with Native American background has contacted the park interpreter and is interested in being a possible resource for Native American programs. He is seeking grant funding in order to compensate his time.

The DVD player at the Visitor Center needs to be replaced. Joann may have an unused one that she can donate. If this does not work FOGH approved up to \$100 to replace the non-working one.

FOGH approved no more than \$200 for the purchase of two door counters for use in the Visitor Center.

Next meeting will be held May 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wayne C Building.