

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park
Minutes of Meeting June 20, 2016**

Present: Harvey & Moe Thompson, Matt Claybrook, Rhonda Walls, Shirley Sloan-Babb, JoAnn Severt, Evalynn Halsey

Minutes approved

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of June 20, 2016	\$5056.42
Total Credits	\$1,120.00
Total Debits	\$ 882.19
Balance May 16, 2016	\$4,818.55

Treasurer Report Presented & Approved

Old Business

- Amelia not present. No update sent for tonight's meeting on the status of the Merlin, Owl, Bear pelt or Box Turtle
- The State Park Master Plan is being renewed this summer. There will be a public meeting July 13th at 6 p.m. at the Visitor Center. FOGH members and community are encouraged to attend and provide input.
- Shirley shared that the buttons for the Adventure (60) & JR (40) ranger programs have been ordered.
- Request for Reimbursement form is now being used for expenditures.
- John Canfield sent a very nice thank you for sending a check for extra compensation for his work in upgrading the weather station. He was very appreciative.
- No update provided by Amelia regarding the telescope case or training.
- The barn dance will be held June 26th. FOGH will provide the lemonade and water and cookies. Rhonda has these items.
- ALL FOGH volunteers are requested to track their hours. See Matt Claybrook if you do not have a computer or you need help in documenting this.

Park Manager Time

The Wayne C Festival had 1776 attendees with 1,236 paying the \$20 entrance fee. A guitar raffle brought in \$23,000 to go towards the Wayne C Scholarship fund which has provided \$185,000 in scholarships over the past 22 years. Merchandise for resale brought in \$4,950 with \$3,000 from the sales at the tent. The event went well with no major problems and great weather. The transit bus did not have to be utilized. The budget for the year has been submitted. Harvey estimated \$190,000 in merchandise and the park is currently at \$191,000 with 6 days remaining for the year. The park has had lots of campers and it is anticipated that there will be low water by the 3rd week in July. There have been 1,485 Your Comments Count responses for the year. Harvey requests FOGH members plan to attend the Master Plan meeting to be held July 13th and also invite other community members to join.

New Business

FOGH approved a request to pay the subscription cost of the VA Wildlife Magazine for the Park.

Recycling bag stock needs to be reviewed. FOGH may need to order more of these.

FOGH approved the cost of purchase of the tent to be used for FOGH information and GHSP merchandise sales.

FOGH approved July 22nd as the date for this year's Volunteer & Employee Appreciation Lunch. Items will include BBQ, Coleslaw, Macaroni Salad, Veggie Tray, Baked Beans, Cookies & Brownies, Chips and Soda/Water/Ice. Moe will make a Blueberry Pizza and we will ask Mary Felicito to bring her Ziti dish.

Moe will check on the SCC Board of Directors and timeline for registration.

Next meeting will be held July 18, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Wayne C Henderson Stage.