

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park
Minutes of Meeting May 18, 2015**

Present: Harvey & Moe Thompson, Rhonda Walls, Shirley Sloan-Babb

Minutes of last meeting Approved

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of May 18, 2015 \$6966.57

Credits		Debits	
Membership	\$ 20.00	Lowes (Herb Garden)	\$87.33
Run Bum Tours	550.00	100 Milkweed Seed Pods/salts	100.53
		Walgreens (VISA gift cards #2 & #3)- GRANT	759.90
		Office Supplies/Padlocks	13.99
Total Credits	\$570.00	Total Debits	\$961.75

Treasurer Report Presented and Approved

Old Business

- The JR & Adventure Ranger requests for financial assistance were approved & this now closes the application process for assistance. Three requests were made: two for JR Ranger and one for Adventure Ranger. The JR ranger program is full.
- The Barred Owl specimen is not ready at this time. FOGH will provide payment once it is completed.
- Moe called to learn more about process of renewal for the VA Solicitation of Contribution Law (57-49). Registration is through November 15, 2015. They will email the address on record (president@graysonfriends.org) to alert about the renewal date. They will also send a letter.
- Moe has ordered 200 pages Friends Stationary & 300 Membership brochures. Cost will be \$40 as we provide the recycled paper.
- Moe still watching for a suitable member gift to send with renewals this year. \$150 has been approved for gift purchase for membership renewals celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Park. The goal is to purchase something that is flat & easily mailed.
- Shirley composed an announcement about the FOGH group & has laminated & posted in various locations in town, West Jefferson & Independence as an attempt to gain new members. Rhonda assisted with this project.
- Moe contacted NEEF to advise of changes in events. She also composed an announcement from the FOGH group about the grant award and sent to the Declaration and Smyth Co News & Messenger.
- Donna planted the milkweed seed pods.

Park Manager Time

The propane hot water heaters in the campground are not working. JoAnn Severt will be leaving her employment position at the park. Harvey attended the Albert Hash committee meeting. There will be seven bands playing for 45 minutes each. The event will be held on Saturday, September 5th. The park had an unannounced inspection of the restrooms by the Environmental Health Supervisor, Mr. Ritterbusch, for the purpose of official operations permit. Harvey will be meeting with Eric Herald tomorrow. The engineering firm will determine where to drill the next well to supply water to Hickory Ridge Campground. This will be the fourth well. Campers use 6,000 gallons of water in 24 hours. This well will be 425 feet deep where the others are 325 feet deep. The Friends Trail Books and t-shirts will now have a PLU and the money collected will go to an account specifically set up for reimbursement to the Friends. This will make record keeping much easier and secure. The Donations boxes are now secure and comply with DCR standards.

New Business

- The FOGH approved funding of the Golden Anniversary stickers with the condition of changes to be made (change the color black to green & add "supported by Friends of Grayson Highlands." Formatting changes were left on Amelia's desk.
- Rhonda signed the form for Consignment Agreement so that the Trail Guides and t-shirts will now be sold by use of PLU.
- Rhonda & Shirley will take photos of the Herb Garden event. Amelia also requested that lemonade be served to the volunteers so Rhonda will arrange for this also.
- Request was made to assist with the purchase of an outside storage unit and cabinets for the office. This was tabled until more members can give input on the decision.

Next meeting June 15, 2015 at 7 p.m.

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