

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park
Minutes of Meeting July 18, 2016**

Present: Harvey & Moe Thompson, Rhonda Walls, Shirley Sloan-Babb, JoAnn Severt, Evalynn Halsey, Andrew & Liz Stern

Minutes approved

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of July 18, 2016	\$4262.98
Total Credits	\$965.00
Total Debits	\$1758.44
Balance June 20, 2016	\$5056.42

Treasurer Report Presented & Approved

Old Business

- Amelia not present & no update sent for tonight's meeting. Shirley states payment for the Merlin & Owl has been made. Status of the Bear Pelt and Telescope is unknown.
FOGH members expressed concern about the park interpreter's lack of communication with the group and subsequent requests for funds. A report from the part interpreter on the status of interpreter activities that have been funded and supported through the FOGH is the minimal expectation for continued support of the FOGH.
- The State Park Master Plan public meeting was held July 13th at the Visitor Center. FOGH members attended & provided refreshments.
- Recycling bag stock needs to be reviewed. FOGH may need to order more of these.
- The Volunteer & Employee Appreciation Lunch will be held on Friday, July 22nd.
- Rhonda has received the SCC Board of Directors renewal form and will get to Moe for processing.

Park Manager Time

The Barn Dance held on June 26th was a success and another is planned for Saturday, August 6th with a different caller. The Adams family held a wedding which included a horse drawn buggy & over 100 guests. All ten garbage cans were full after the event. Weddings are becoming very popular at the park and the last one for the year will be held October 26th. During the month of June there was over \$34,000 in sales. Grayson Highlands ranks at 1st place with Douthat (and all the swimming revenue) at second. The Master Plan meeting went well although there was not a large amount of participation. The food reception provided by the FOGH is appreciated. Since July 1st, \$35,000 in sales has occurred and there were over 1500 visitors on Saturday & Sunday. Currently there are 22 seasonal employees working. The final amount for merchandise for resale is \$207,000 with original prediction of \$190,000. The water supply continues to be an issue and restrictions may soon need to be implemented in the Hickory Ridge Campground.

New Business

- Moe reports the FOGH stickers given with membership acknowledgement letters is depleted. FOGH approved that she order new stickers.

Next meeting will be held August 22, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Wayne C Henderson Stage.