

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park
Minutes of Meeting July 14, 2017**

Present: Harvey & Moe Thompson, Shirley Sloan-Babb, JoAnn Severt, Rhonda Walls, , Andrew & Liz Stern, Kenny & Sue Weaver

Minutes approved

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of July 14, 2017 \$7,694.47

Total Credits \$ 1,674.85

Total Debits \$ 303.85

Balance June 19, 2017 \$ 6,323.47

Treasurer Report Presented & Approved

Old Business

- A battery backup uninterruptible power supply (or UPS) of 1500VA power capacity has been purchased & will be installed later today. FOGH approved purchase of a second battery backup for the weather station which is located in a second location. Moe will make arrangement to order this.
- YCC male group will be at Grayson Highlands July 23rd through August 12th. The Friends will provide a Welcome Dinner to include BBQ, buns, Cole slaw, chips, drinks (Rhonda will pick up) & cake (Moe will order & pick up). The date will be Sunday, July 23rd with a time of 6:00 p.m.
- Solar lights for the flagpoles at the office and visitor center have been ordered. Approximate cost is \$305.
- Employee and volunteer appreciation lunch was held prior to this FOGH meeting. All went smoothly.
- Ashleigh shared photos of the herb garden. She plans to keep seed and start earlier on the project next year.
- The Barn Dance was a success. There were approximately 125 participants. The ATV mule was used to transport those with mobility issues to and from the restroom. This has proved to be a hit and will be added as a yearly event. The use of banners for advertisement might be considered for next year.
- The Great American campout was limited to 10 participants with 3 additional walkups. Eight persons camped and the others participated in the cookout demonstration and taste testing.

Park Manager Time

The yurt construction has begun. July 17th will be the first pour of concrete for the footers. Work will continue through October. There are 23 on the staff payroll. Several will be leaving soon as they prepare to return to college. Due to possibility of bear activity, all loose garbage cans have been removed. The park continues remain busy. A new ranger, Tim Lundy has transferred from Hungry Mother to Grayson Highlands to replace retired ranger, Roy Kilby.

New Business

- Officers for the 2017-2018 year were confirmed. President: Rhonda Walls; VP: Joann Severt; Treasurer: Kenny Weaver; and Secretary: Moe Thompson.
- There will be a District 6 Friends meeting in the Fall of 2017. Date and location not yet determined.

Next meeting will be held August 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wayne C Henderson Stage