

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park
Minutes of Meeting June 16, 2014**

Present: Rhonda Walls, Harvey & Moe Thompson, Donna Niemi, JoAnn Severt and Aaron Parlier

Minutes of last meeting Approved

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of June 16 2014 \$5124.06

| Credits | | Debits | |
|----------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| Membership | \$20.00 | Treasurer of VA (Bouldering Book gift) | \$34.99 |
| Donations | 35.50 | Lowes/Wal-Mart (resource room supplies & Children's activities) | 124.23 |
| Trail Guides | 59.00 | AAA Quality Engravers (garden labels/stakes) | 103.32 |
| | | Indoor Farms/Wal-Mart/Lowes | 66.82 |
| Total Credits | \$114.40 | Total Debits | \$329.36 |

Treasurer Report Presented and Approved

Proposed Budget Presented and Approved

Old Business

- John Canfield has updated the website and the home page banner.
- Larry Thomson has completed building the banjo case for storing and displaying the instruments. He is working on the others at the park.
- Now charging \$2 as FOGH recommended for the cost of the Trail Guides in order to break even. This has not caused any complaints or decrease in sales. Moe will check with A&B Printing at the end of July to see if the new order is ready for pick up.
- Will continue to investigate a suitable media player for the Visitor Center to use for the purpose of playing multi selection educational videos.
Nominations held and officers for 2014-2015 year elected. Rhonda Walls – President; Joann Severt-VP; Donna Neimi – Treasurer; Moe Thompson- Secretary
- Moe will send an second letter of request to Wayne C committee requesting an increase in donation to the FOGH as the success of the festival has increased substantially.

Park Manager Time

New contact ranger position has been filled and seasonal staff positions are full less one maintenance ranger. Anticipated attendance for the Wayne C Festival is 2500 – 3000 people. Grayson County Sheriff's department will assist with parking. Katie and Nikea will operate the funnel cake machine during the festival. Merchandise sales as of June 16th has reached \$150,700 and estimates to reach \$156,000 by year end. Submissions for the electronic Your Comments Count (YCC) cards have reached 116 as of June 12th. The Bike the Creeper Trail Program had 22 participants bringing in \$300 of revenue with cost of the shuttle being \$120. There are eight programs scheduled for the weekend (Fri, Sat, & Sun). Considerations are underway to reroute Listening Rock Trail.

New Business

- Graduation of Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Group of 12 Females will be held on Saturday, August 9th.
- Staff & Volunteer Appreciation luncheon will be held from 11:30 -2:00 on Thursday, August 14th.
- FOGH will fund the 4 programs on rescue animals to be presented by Darren Handy.
- While Donna is away, Kay will care for the lower wildflower garden and Shirley will care for the upper garden.
- Moe will look into Virginia Form 102 requirements

Next meeting July 21 2014, 7:00 p.m., at the park office

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