

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park  
Minutes of Meeting August 13, 2013**

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

Minutes of last meeting Approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance as of July 20, 2013 \$5181.54

Credits		Debits
Membership	360.00	
		Shirley Sloan-Babb (hummingbird food) 50.00
		Treasurer of VA (1,000 fans) 350.00
		Wal-Mart (power sprayer) 21.32
		Wal-Mart, Food City, USPS (Split Rock Trail Dedication) 126.00
		SCC 25.00
		Fox Creek Store, Wal-Mart, Food City (Staff/Volunteer Appreciation Meal) 163.64
		Dog Show 112.11
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$360.00</b>	<b>Total Debits \$928.72</b>

Treasurer Report Presented and Approved

**Old Business**

- Reminded Julie to send some good high resolution pony pictures to John. Once he has all the photos, he can then begin his work.
- A&B printing is working on the logo and trail guide. Waiting to hear back from them.
- Blue Ridge Relay (BRR) was held September 6, 2013. Theresa & Daniel worked in the contact station. Volunteers (Rhonda, Regina, Moe & Joann) arrived at 5:00 a.m. There were about 1600 runners & the weather was wonderful.
- Have not heard back from the WCHMF regarding a raise in their donation amount to the Friends' group due to the increase of income that the Wayne C Festival brings. The letter was sent to Wayne C. Henderson.
- The Friends hosted the staff & volunteer appreciation lunch on Wednesday, August 7, 2013. BBQ, Cole slaw, buns, beans and lemonade for the drinks was served. Approximately 27 persons attended and delivery to Daniel in the contact station & Juanita in the Country Store. Rhonda assisted with serving.
- The MP3 player for the bird call program has not been ordered.
- The Albert Hash Memorial was held the Saturday of Labor Day weekend from 10 – 7. It rained in the afternoon. Attendance was down from the previous year. Admission was \$10 with 12 & under free.
- The fundraising for Tom Walls held at the Rugby Rescue Squad on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 raised a little more than \$4,000.
- Teresa has the raffle tickets for the stuffed pony available for sale. Drawing will be during the Fall Festival.
- During the Staff Appreciation Luncheon, Harvey thanked the Friends group for the sweatshirts provided to the staff.
- The dog show had 6 paying participants. The weather was rainy. The program brought in \$30.

### **Park Manager Time**

The Saint Jude Trail ride was held Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00. Registration began at 8:30 and the course was an 8 mile ride. The park had a merchandise tent during the Albert Hash Festival held August 31<sup>st</sup>. It is a one day event. The profit versus the amount of work and labor involved was not positive for this event.

### **New Business**

- Smelly Cat Productions will be filming for advertising on the Virginia Park's websites. Filmmakers will be videoing on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be served at Wildcat Overlook. Friends volunteers are needed for helping to serve lunch & fill in as park visitors if needed. Rhonda & Moe will help with this. Tentative time is 12 – 4.
- Doug Ogle, Gary Flemming & Forest Atwood will be visiting the fenced Bog area at Sullivan Swamp on September 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Donna will purchase a copy of Meadow Mountain from Doug Ogle. The copy will be a resource for the park.
- Harvey will purchase a Banjo case through the park funds for safe keeping of the Banjo.
- VA Association For Parks will hold their Fall meeting at Hungry Mother State Park September 25 – 29.
- The October Hayride plans are underway. Julie & Shirley are working on adhering to the new guidelines for interpretive programs in addition to a sense of the previous format. A barn dance/square dance is being planned. The Friends' will assist with serving popcorn and lemonade. More lighting will be needed.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at the park office.

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