

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park**  
Minutes of Meeting September 19, 2016

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

Minutes approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance as of September 19, 2016 \$3859.49  
Total Credits \$ 65.53  
Total Debits \$ 388.82  
Balance August 22, 2016 \$4182.78  
Treasurer Report Presented & Approved

**Old Business**

- The bear pelt cost was \$250. The telescope protective case was purchased for \$74. Locks will be purchased for this also.
- Recycling bags have arrived just in time for the Fall Festival.
- Moe is continuing work SCC Board of Directors renewal form.
- The FOGH stickers for membership have arrived.
- The lunch for the Governor and guests was a success.

**Park Manager Time**

The park staff is getting ready for the Fall Festival. The grounds have been mowed. Parking will be \$10. The park is using the honor parking system during the week days. The campground is sold out for the weekend. Currently the Hickory Ridge Campground has ½ tank of water and this continues to be monitored. Due to no rain, the festival parking should not be a problem. Three ponies have been getting out of their designated area recently. Merchandise for resale is at \$105,970 which is \$2,000 more than last this time last year.

**New Business**

- Rhonda shared that Gerald Anderson's brother recently passed. FOGH will send a sympathy card.
- Hunt dates are November 7 & 8 for muzzle loader and November 21 & 22 for firearms. Rhonda will make ham biscuits this year. FOGH will reimburse the cost of the purchase of food.
- 75 vendors are planned for the Fall Festival. Rhonda reports there is a very nice selection of quality crafts and vendors this year. She mentioned they may want to increase the number of vendors for future festivals.
- FOGH approved up to \$150 for the "Hoot, Haints and Hexes" program to be held on October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- A Harvest Barn Dance with the Whitetop Mountain Band will be held October 7 in the Picnic Area Shelter.

Next meeting will be held October 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the office.