

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park
Minutes of Meeting August 14 , 2014**

Present: Harvey & Moe Thompson, Rhonda Walls, Doug Niemi, JoAnn Severt & Marceia Holland

Minutes of last meeting Approved

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of August 14, 2014 \$7,387.42

Credits			Debits
Membership	\$145.00	YCC Reception	\$122.72
		Programs (Adventure & JR Ranger, Backyard Campout, Crafts)	306.44
Trail Guides	48.00	SCC Yearly fee	25.00
Donations	18.12		
Wayne C Music Festival Donation (second)	1,000.00		
Total Credits	\$1,211.12	Total Debits	\$454.16

Treasurer Report Presented and Approved

Old Business

- Moe reports Trail Guide order not completed yet. Will continue to check with A&B Printing until the new order is ready for pick up. They did provide 250 copies thus far. Still waiting on the remaining 750.
- Need to continue work on determining a suitable media player for the Visitor Center to use for the purpose of playing multi selection educational videos.
- Moe sent a thank you to Wayne C committee for the two \$1,000 donation checks to the FOGH.
- Reception for graduation of Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) was held on Saturday, August 9th. FOGH provided refreshments. Several parents acknowledged the Friends for doing this and expressed thanks.
- Staff & Volunteer Appreciation luncheon was held Thursday, August 14th. Staff & volunteers were grateful for the recognition.
- Moe continues to work on the Virginia Form 102 for submission.
- The sparrow hawk is not ready to be picked up from the taxidermist yet. Amelia will let Moe know once it is ready.
- The State Corporation Commission paperwork & check was filed.

Park Manager Time

There are 31 vacancies within the park system. It may be some time before these are filled. Revenue is up 10%. Appreciation is extended to FOGH for providing the staff & volunteer luncheon.

New Business

- Blue Ridge Relay will be held September 5th with set up starting at 3:30 a.m. Moe will arrive at that time & Rhonda, Regina & JoAnn will arrive at 4:15. Registration begins at 4:30 a.m. this year. Rhonda will call the Declaration, Bristol Herald & WCYB to alert the media of the event.
- Hayride will be October 11th. FOGH will provide coupons for free hot dogs for the volunteers and staff. Rugby Rescue will cook the hot dogs & FOGH will reimburse for the number of coupons collected. FOGH will not sell popcorn this year. Free hot drinks (cider) will be provided to all.
- Moe will check with Joan Collins about manning the Friends tent during the Fall Festival.
- Motion made & approved to purchase a new tent canopy for FOGH. The others are no longer usable. Doug will look into this.
- Motion made & approved to purchase 1-2 additional bouldering pads. Marceia will have Aaron Parlier investigate options for this.

Next meeting September 15, 2014

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