

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park**  
Minutes of Meeting October 30, 2017

**Present:** Harvey & Moe Thompson, Shirley Sloan-Babb, JoAnn Severt, Rhonda Walls, Evelyn, Kenny Weaver, and Tommie Kennedy

Minutes approved

<b>Treasurer's Report:</b> Balance as of October 30, 2017	\$7,335.70
Total Credits	\$ 832.40
Total Debits	\$ 332.54
Balance August 21, 2017	\$ 6,835.84

Treasurer Report Presented & Approved

**Old Business**

- The visitor center flagpole solar lights continue to await placement.
- Barn Dance was held October 15<sup>th</sup> with approximately 50 participants. Everyone enjoyed the event with the Whitetop Mountain Band playing.
- Winter projects will include possible projects and funding from FOGH including: purchase of a new "OPEN" sign at the contact station; table coverings for the tables used for park Merchandise sales during the Wayne C and Fall Festivals; labels for tools and instruments at the Visitor Center; and instrument display case for the dulcimer at the Visitor Center.
- The DGIF wildlife habitat permit for Wilson the turtle has been paid.
- Rhonda will make biscuits for the Hunt days. FOGH will cover the cost of the ham & sausage. Moe & Harvey will contribute a dish and others are invited to provide items such as cookies, brownies, etc.

**Park Manager Time**

Harvey attended the Park Manager meeting at Westmoreland State Park held from October 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are encouraged to record their hours as these statistics are used when visiting legislators. The VAFP meeting will be held at Douthat this year. The volume of visitors continues to increase at the park, providing 4.5 million to the local economy. The park had 3,000 visitors on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. The VAFP will be working with designated district representatives to compose resolutions in support of the VA State Parks. The resolutions will include the economic impact of the individual parks in relation to their specific location. The district Friends' groups are asked to reach out to their respective Board of Supervisors and present the provided resolution. The next big project will be the vault toilets at Massie Gap with projected completion by the end of 2018. The foundations of the other 2 yurts have been poured and the project is now on hold until the Spring. Hunt dates are: November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Thirty hunters per day will be in designated areas of four zones. The Trail Map is in the PCO (Public Communications Office) for review.

**New Business**

- As President of FOGH, Rhonda will present the resolution to the Grayson County Board of Supervisors.
- FOGH approved the order of FOGH letterhead stationary and Trail Guides as the supplies for these items are depleting. Trail Guide order will happen in the Spring so as not to have to store overwinter.
- An inventory and replacement of the Trunk Games equipment is requested as parts are showing wear.

Next meeting will be held March 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Park Office.

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