

Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park
Minutes of Meeting October 24, 2016

Present: Harvey & Moe Thompson, Matt Claybrook, Shirley Sloan-Babb, & JoAnn Severt

Minutes approved as amended

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of October 24, 2016 \$4,841.28
Total Credits \$1467.30
Total Debits \$ 485.51
Balance September 19, 2016 \$3859.49
Treasurer Report Presented & Approved

Old Business

- The telescope protective case and locks have been purchased.
- Moe completed & sent the SCC Board of Directors renewal form.
- Sympathy card was sent to Gerald Anderson due to the recent loss of his brother.
- Hunt dates are November 7 & 8 for muzzle loader and November 21 & 22 for firearms. Either Rhonda or Joann will make the biscuits. They may do the sausage instead of ham as previously planned. FOGH will reimburse the cost of the purchase of food for the hunt sales. Harvey plans to make a stew for the lunch crowd.
- The Hoot, Haints and Hexes program & the Barn Dance were cancelled due to the weather and anticipated rain from Hurricane Matthew.

Park Manager Time

The park is having the highest visitation seen with over 5000 visitors this past Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Thomas Knob Shelter had 2 inches of snow and the Visitor Center had ½ inch. A lady by the name of Diane Puckett has contacted Harvey about purchasing a memorial bench in honor of her husband who recently passed and loved the park. The online surveys are currently at 2008 responses. During the Park Manager's meeting a new initiative with Marstel-Day was presented as a means to get youth from underserved populations into the park.

New Business

- FOGH may look into a separate battery backup for the weather station.

Next meeting will be held March 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the office.