

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park
Minutes of Meeting August 15, 2011**

Present: Evalynn Halsey, Rhonda Walls, Kelly Servick, Moe & Harvey Thompson, Shirley Sloan-Babb, Nathan

Minutes of last meeting Approved

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of August 15, 2011 \$5646.08

Credits:		Debits:	
Membership	290.00	US Postal Service (stamps)	17.60
T-shirt sales	32.00	State Corporation Commission	25.00
Pony Raffle	174.00	(annual Registration Fee)	
Total Credits:	\$496.00	Total Debits:	\$42.60

Approved as presented

Old Business

- Tickets for the life size pony continue to sell. Approximately 447 have been sold to date.
- Heritage Day held August 14th in the Homestead area. Over 100 hot dogs served. Not well attended. Only one item scanned. Will try again next year and hope for improvement in interest.
- The employee & volunteer recognition held August 3rd at 12:00. Pizza and watermelon was served. There was plenty of food available.
- The Youth Conservation Corps graduation celebration was held August 13th. Moe prepared the food for this event. The food was ample; except for the meatballs (over 300 were served). Everyone liked the cake.
- Blue Ridge Endurance race will be held September 9th. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 5:30 a.m.
- Moe wrote a resolution on behalf of the Friends of Grayson, for Aaron Parlier, in support of grant funding towards a feasibility study with the American Alpine Club, Cornerstone Conservation Grant. Deana reviewed the resolution for any suggestions, and President Rhonda Walls signed for Aaron's submittal. Aaron was not present and tonight's meeting to provide any further information.
- Rhonda replied to the letter regarding the food served during the Wayne C. Festival. She also provided a copy of the letter to the Wayne C Festival committee.
- Moe had Ken & Phyllis Weber's name engraved on the Outstanding Contributors Plaque. Individual gifts of \$500 and over will be recognized by placing the benefactor's name on the plaque.

Park Manager Time

The computer & telephone line trouble at the visitor center has now been fixed. Lightening struck the Country Store; the handheld phone mount melted, and the computer is no longer operable. Sales are great. The campground sold out for Labor Day. The Mule Club has 18 sites in the horse campground. There have been two incidents with yellow jackets on the horse trail. The water table is holding; approximately 6,000 gallons per day is pumped and used. The YCC crew placed fencing at Massie Gap (upper & lower section), leveled several campsites, and worked the country store gravel path. Approximately forty attended the YCC reception. There is one new contact person due to an employee opening. There were 11 participants in the dog show and 57 observers.

New Business

- Wayne C will play on Labor Day Sunday. Rhonda will help with arranging refreshments for this evening.
- Kelly Servick will be offering a service project in honor of September 11th through AmeriCorps. She is planning a paper crafts project (recycling old paper & making new paper using items from nature). She plans to make cards and paper to be sold during the Fall Festival. She plans to give the proceeds to the Friends of Grayson Highlands. Motion was made and approved for the Friends to support \$25-30 in start up costs for this project.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2011 7:00 p.m. at the park office.