

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park
Minutes of Meeting November 12, 2012**

Present: Harvey & Moe Thompson, Donna & Doug Niemi, Rhonda Walls, & Kevin Kelley

Minutes of last meeting Approved

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of November 12, 2012 \$7754.89

<u>Credits</u>			<u>Debits</u>
Memberships	5.00	Wal-Mart (Halloween Hayride-cookies)	39.07
Donations	41.98		
Hammock Forums.net	440.00		
Hayride Refreshment Sales	191.00		
T-Shirts sales	52.00		
Total Credits	\$734.98	Total Debits	\$39.07

Old Business

- Rhonda likes the bench she donated and its placement. Harvey would like an article to be placed in the paper about it. It will be nice to have a picture of Rhonda & her mother sitting on it.
- The FOGH information brochures have been updated with current information, including Friends projects and services. Moe had 300 copies made.
- The October hayride drinks and cookies were sold for \$1 each. Total income from this project was \$191.00.
- The outstanding contributor plaque has been updated with Hammock Forums now listed.
- Desserts and/or crocks of stew, chili, or soup are needed for the hunt days of November 19 & 20. Rhonda will make sausage biscuits for these days.
- Donna provided the Friends inventory of t-shirts is as follows:
Cream: 9 small, 0 medium, 12 large, 8 extra large, and 7 double extra large
Beige: 2 small, 3 medium, 0 large, 5 extra large, and 0 double extra large
Turquoise: 2 small

Park Manager Time

Jordan completed his training and is now back at GSHP. Harvey received recognition for 35 years of service. The youth hunt had 5 participants and 1 deer taken. The regular hunt had 15 participants and 16 deer taken. There was one particularly beautiful 10 point deer. Hunt food sales brought in \$70 and participants do like the food being available. GHSP surpassed its goal of YCC cards (Your Comments Count Cards) which current number is 371 cards. The Fall Festival & Albert Hash Memorial contributed to a significant number of these cards. Grayson Highlands State Park was listed in CNN's American Hike Top Ten Fall Hiking Destinations and will receive a plaque for this. The governor announced a 4% budget cut back with details to follow (approximately \$17,000 which is about 2 seasonal employees). The late October snowfall created 3 foot drifts in some areas of the park.

New Business

The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2013 6:30 p.m. at the park office.

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