

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park  
Minutes of Meeting October 20, 2014**

Present: Harvey & Moe Thompson, Rhonda Walls, JoAnn Severt

Minutes of last meeting Approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance as of October 20, 2014 \$5,914.99

Credits		Debits	
Membership	\$110.00	Programs (Smokey the Bear;	
Returns (extra Apple Cider	9.90	Haunted Hayride (costumes &	
Haunted Hayride income	442.50	Props, Apple Cider, Hot Dogs)	\$694.97
Recycle	29.70		
T-Shirts	54.00		
Trail Guides	112.00	Taxidermy Sparrow Hawk	375.00
Donations (Hammock Forums, Blue Ridge Relay, and others)	1,155.72		
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$1,913.82</b>	<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$1,069.97</b>

Treasurer Report Presented and Approved

**Old Business**

- Determining a suitable media player for the Visitor Center to use for the purpose of playing multi selection educational videos continues as a Winter Project.
- The sparrow hawk has been picked up. Cost is \$375. Amelia has taken it to bring to the parks' interpretive training program to show an example of a creative way to utilize "road kill."
- The Haunted Hayride was held Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers were given a ticket for a Rugby Rescue Squad free hot dog from the FOGH and 41 participated with a cost of \$82. FOGH provided free hot cider and served about 115 6-8 oz. drinks. Moe & Sue Weaver helped with this and Doug Niemi helped with ticket sales. There were 51 volunteers, 146 paying adults and 64 paying children.
- There is no information from Aaron Parlier about the cost of the crash pads.
- Joan Collins helped with the FOGH tent during the Fall Festival
- Blue Ridge Relay donated \$650 for the Friends help on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Hammock Forums donated \$470 from their raffle at the Fall Festival.
- Options for a new Friends' tent are still being investigated.

**Park Manager Time**

Harvey reports that 45% of the park's approved budget has already been spent in the 1<sup>st</sup> 4 months and there will be little funds for part time staff in the Spring. There have been 559 Your Comments Count online responses. End of season projects include blowing leaves, winterizing the water lines and having the septic tanks pumped. Grayson Highlands will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2015. The Park Manager's meeting is scheduled for April 7-9, 2015 at Natural Bridge.

**New Business**

- Hunts will be held November 1, 3, 4, 17 & 18. No food for sale will be provided on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Rhonda will bring biscuits, Joann will bring cookies & Harvey will bring a stew for the other hunt dates.
- VAFP Spring meeting will be held April 16-18, 2015 at Fairy Stone State Park and the Fall meeting will be held September 24-26, 2015 at Occoneechee State Park.
- No meetings will be held in November, December, January & February. March will be a planning meeting for celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Grayson Highlands State Park.

Next meeting March 16, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

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