

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park
Minutes of Meeting March 15, 2010**

Present: Doug & Donna Niemi, Harvey & Moe Thompson, Rhonda Walls and Evelyn Halsey

Minutes of last meeting Approved

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of March 15, 2010 \$5557.60

Credits

Membership 20.00
Donations 1.25

Total Credits 21.25

Debits

VAFP 20.00
(VA Assoc. For Parks)
Wrensoft49.00
(search engine)
John Canfield 101.00
(web page developer)
Total Debits 170.00

Approved as presented

Old Business

- Kevin continues to work on Rain Barrels. Rhonda Walls provided another contact for him to check (Beagle Ridge Farms).
- Battery was replaced in the weather station
- John Canfield has completed the new web site. He spent many long hours working on it. Moe worked with him on this. The site is much easier to navigate, looks much better and provides some options for Friends members to update. John accepted a token check of \$101 for his work. Thank You John!!
- Donna Niemi has spent time working on the Photo Gallery for Friends. Albums are named as are many of the photos.
- Kevin was not present to give an update on the down river race fund raiser progress.

Park Manager Time

The park has received 105 inches of snowfall this season. Hopefully this will prevent rationing of water in the campground this summer. The power line to the regular campground is down. AEP is scheduled to fix this problem tomorrow. Marci is doing well in her class. There are five dead ponies on the mountain that will have to be relocated away from the trails. They are close to the AT trail. Park Staff did provide hay for them during the brutal weather we experienced. Merchandise for resale is at \$87,000 and revenue is \$224,000 which is higher than expenditures. Currently 50% of the park's annual budget remains. The final budget for the July 2009-June 2010 year was just issued.

New Business

- Guttering at the office was damaged due to the weather. The visitor center may also have damage, but park staff has not yet been able to reach this area due to the heavy snow and ice.
- Joan Collins was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but would like to know if Friends are interested in ordering additional t-shirts. We currently have remaining: Khaki (1 small, 5 medium and 2 large); Natural (1 small, 2 medium and 1 large); and Bella (1 small and 1 large). We will order one dozen Khaki and Natural in each of the following sizes (XXL, XL, L and Sm). We will order one dozen total Bella in the following amounts and sizes (1 small, 2 medium, 4 large and 5 XL). Moe will contact Joan and relay this information to her.
- Rhonda Walls suggested a solar web cam with back up battery to be placed at Massie Gap. Moe will inquire with our computer expert (John Canfield) to see if this is possible.
- Donna requests we provide updated pictures of the Fall Festival. She also shared a glossy brochure listing wildflowers from a recent trip.
- Friends members will provide support for the park's Easter activity if held.

Next meeting April 19th at 7 p.m.