

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park
Minutes of Meeting August 23, 2010**

Present: Ronda Walls, Harvey & Moe Thompson, Doug & Donna Niemi, Marcia Holland, Joan Collins and Kevin Kelley

Minutes of last meeting Approved

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of August 16, 2010 \$6094.03

Credits

Membership \$55.00, Donations \$22.80, Cookie & Lemonade donations \$54.00, T-shirts \$104.00 **Total Credits: \$235.80**

Debits

Treasurer of VA (Adventure Ranger Program Support) \$120.00, USPS (postage) \$35.20 **Total Debits: \$155.20**

Approved as presented

Old Business

- Moe will resend registration letters to those members who have not yet registered for the year.
- Staff & volunteer appreciation lunch went well.
- Dog Show was held Saturday, August 7th. Ten dogs came with five staying for the show. Cost was \$15 to participate, so the event broke even with costs associated to put the show on.
- Rhonda is working with Vickie Hendren (Albano & Associates) to update the Friends group on tax exempt status. Cost is \$300 fee for tax exempt status, in addition to a retainer fee. This should be ready by the end of the month. As President, Rhonda is the "registered agent" for FOGH corporation.
- A donation amount of \$54.00 was collected for the Friends group during the campground program. Rhonda & Moe assisted with the refreshments. Evalynn requested the friends provide this at this weekend's event, but no one is able to take on this task. FOGH will provide refreshments on Sunday, September 05, 2010 (Labor Day weekend) during the Wayne C. Henderson performance. Rhonda & Moe will again assist with this.

Park Manager Time

Doug Domenech (the new Secretary of Natural Resources and VA Tech Alumni) and Scott Bowen (the new Park Manager at Hungry Mother State Park) came for a tour of Grayson Highlands State Park. Harvey took them on a hike of the Twin Pinnacles which they thoroughly enjoyed. Friends members (Rhonda Walls, Sue & Kenny Weaver, Moe & Harvey Thompson) represented the FOGH at a meet and greet with the Secretary held in Marion at the Restaurant. There has been a high volume of overnight horse camping. Well #11 had to have the pump replaced & now needs a new pump tech. The concessions are doing great, selling \$56,399 since July 1st. The camp hosts have been very helpful. The Park Managers' meeting will be September 28-30 and Harvey will be passing on the Possum at this time. The park will be recycling with Grayson County the 1st Saturday of each month (March – November).

New Business

- Blue Ridge Relay has requested FOGH help with the race on Friday, September 17th from 5:30 am to 10:30 am. Kevin Kelley will work the gate. Other volunteers are Doug & Donna, Moe, and Rhonda. Other members such as Evelyn Halsey and JoAnn Severt might be contacted to assist.
- Donna will ask Gerald Anderson if he will be willing to have his name on the FOGH signature card. Currently there are three names (Donna, Harvey and Kenny) on the signature card. Due to conflict of interests, Harvey has requested his name be dropped from this duty.
- Donna has sent in the annual fee (\$25.00) and forms for the State Corporation Commission.
- The Hayride will be held the second Saturday in October.

Next meeting September 20th, 7 p.m. at the park office