

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park  
Minutes of Meeting January 18, 2010**

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

**Minutes of last meeting** Approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance as of January 18, 2010

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| Credits:                 |           | Debits:                      |          |
| Membership:              | \$ 50.00  | Visitor Center Flower Garden |          |
| Hunt Sales               | 90.25     | (Rebar, landscape timbers)   | \$130.32 |
| Donations                | 74.75     |                              |          |
| Wayne Henderson Festival | 1028.82   |                              |          |
| Total Credits            | \$1243.82 | Total Debit:                 | \$130.32 |

Approved as presented

**Old Business**

- Kevin will wait until March to pursue further information on Rain Barrels.
- Weather Station needs new battery; however access is limited until the weather improves.
- Web site is under review for improvements and John will assist with this. Donna, Moe, Doug and Kevin have made some suggestions.

**Park Manager Time**

End of year attendance 91,506 day use; 34,633 campers and 126,139 total attendance. Economic impact to the community is \$4,061,571. The December 9<sup>th</sup> wind storm, December 18<sup>th</sup> snow storm, and December 25<sup>th</sup> ice damage have caused massive tree damage. Efforts to clean up are underway, but it will take many hours of labor to correct this situation. Marci Holland has begun her 20 week basic Law Enforcement training.

**New Business**

- Kevin may look into a down river race for the Friends group to sponsor for a fund raiser. This may be a year long process. Anticipate May 2011 as a possible kick off for this.
- Compensating our webmaster, John Canfield, for his services/costs and adding to the proposed budget was discussed. Plans for updating the web site will take some time and effort on his part.

Next meeting: February 15, 2010 at 6:30 PM