

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park
Minutes of Meeting July 20, 2009**

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

Minutes of last meeting Approved

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of July 20, 2009 \$4307.09

Credits:

Membership:	\$70.00	Total Credit: \$326.00
Donations	\$200.00	
T-shirt sales:	\$33.00	
Cookie Sales	\$23.00	

Debits:

Food City	\$15.34	Total Debits: \$15.34
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Approved as presented

Proposed and Annual Budget Final Report presented and approved

Old Business

- Joan Collins was unable to attend. She purchased 24 Khaki, 24 Natural and 6 Bella T-Shirts. The Khaki and Natural cost \$6.00 each and will be sold for \$12.00 each. The Bella T-Shirts cost \$12 each and will be sold for \$20.00 each. The group noted the Bella T-Shirts run small, so someone who normally wears a small may need a medium or larger size. The group really liked the quality and colors chosen. We will see how these sell and then decide on ordering more later.
- Chad and Doug worked the Blue Ridge Bike Race. The organizers called the week prior to the race to let Donna know attendance was down. Only 12 riders came to participate. They still anticipate a large group for the running race in September. The group is grateful to Chad and Doug for helping even if the event was small.
- The wildflower garden signs will be made later when park activities slow down.
- Kevin needed the tax exempt number for the Friends Group in order to purchase the laptop. Donna gave this to Kevin at tonight's meeting. He will purchase it soon.
- Joan and Doug worked the Friends table during the Wayne C. Festival.

Park Manager Time

The Wayne C. Festival had 3 cars less than last year (672). Mt. Rogers made \$5,000 in food sales; \$15,000 was made in admissions; \$5,000 in Wayne C. Steering Committee T-shirts and caps; and \$5,000 in park sales. The new year began July 1st and there is no budget set yet. Johnny Finch, from Virginia Association for Parks, sent a letter to the Governor regarding budget cuts. All members are encouraged to contact their legislators. Moe will send a letter on behalf of the Friends Group. Merchandise for resale for the month of July has reached \$20,700. Harvey shared positive comments received from recent park guests, one of which made a donation for \$100.00. Harvey also shared an information sheet from CommonHealth about how to keep summer foods safe outdoors.

New Business

The Friends group will provide a Staff Appreciation lunch on August 5th. There are approximately 18 staff and 12 camp hosts/volunteers. Fifteen pizzas will be ordered. Donna (chocolate chip cookies), JoAnn (peanut butter cookies) and Moe (undecided) will provide desserts. We will check with Rhonda and see if she can make a salad. Friends group will pay for 30 sodas from the park to provide drinks.

Kevin will use \$25 towards the dog show on August 8th.

Next meeting August 17th, 7 p.m. at the Park Office