

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park
Minutes of Meeting July 16, 2018**

Attendees

Rhonda Walls, Tommie Kennedy, Elizabeth Stern, Andrew Stern, John Allison, Shirley Sloan-Babb and Lee Blankenship

Minutes approved

Balance as of July 16, 2018	\$ 5,836.30
Total Credits	\$ 130.39
Total Debits	\$ 289.43
Balance as of June 18, 2018	\$ 5,995.34

Treasurer's report presented and approved

Old Business

- Larry Thomson continues working on acquisition of lumber and construction of the dulcimer instrument display case.
- Interpreters have compiled the list of tools with the exhibits at the visitor Center. Andrew will contact Logistics to make signs for the tools as well as the instruments in individual cases also located at the Visitor Center.
- Some of the sports items located at the Camp Host site have been replaced, but there are still a few more to be purchased.
- Lee's contact for the Native American programs will not be available this year. Perhaps next year this can be explored again.
- Door counters have been approved for purchase to use to count visitors at the Visitor Center instead of a manual clicker device. The first one has been ordered and will be tested to ensure the expected functionality.
- The YCC welcome dinner will be held on Sunday, July 22nd at 6PM. The graduation reception is planned for Saturday, August 11th at 10AM. The refreshments that will be provided are cookies and lemonade.

Park Update

Yurt construction is finalizing and inspections are next. The YCC girls will be cleaning the sites as one of their projects.

YCC second session is July 22nd – August 11th. The group of 11 girls' were of high school age.

Secretary of Natural Resources visited Grayson Highlands. Sharon Ewing and Andrew Stern took him on a tour and hiked the Twin Pinnacle Trail.

All staff has received CPR training.

Bear incident-all trails are open. Signs have been posted instructing on food and keeping pets on a 6-foot leash. Bear boxes have been installed at Wise Shelter.

New Business

- The request for a water filtration/water bottle refilling station was revisited. Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.
- The menu for the Employee Appreciation Lunch on Thursday, July 19th will be barbecue chicken provided by Corner Market and Café..
- For the open Secretary position, Elizabeth Stern has consented to assist the group on a temporary basis until a permanent replacement is found.
- We discussed how to increase our membership. Some suggestions were a bulk mailing to the community folk, and a phone chain just prior to monthly meetings. Amy Atwood was involved at the inception of the group and perhaps she would have ideas. Attendees were asked to have ideas at the next meeting for a vote to be taken.

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 20th

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