

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park
Minutes of Meeting June 15, 2009**

Present: Joan Collins, Kevin Kelley, Michael Nagy, Doug & Donna Niemi, Joann Severt, Harvey & Moe Thompson, and Rhonda Walls

Minutes of last meeting Approved

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of June 15, 2009 \$3996.43

Credits:

Membership:	\$10.00	Total Credit: \$ 21.00
T-shirt sales:	\$11.00	

Debits:

Post Office Box Fee	\$ 56.00	Total Debits: \$285.65
Wildflower Garden	\$204.56	
Easter Egg Hunt	\$ 24.99	

Approved as presented

Proposed and Annual Budget Report presented and approved

Old Business

- Joan Collins will chair a t-shirt committee to decide on type/color, and order more t-shirts from Tim White. Two medium size shirts remain from original order.
- Change to decision of signs for wildflower garden made. Two signs with Plexiglas will be placed (one at the office and one at the visitor center). A diagram of the current flowers and planting layout with "Wildflower Garden Sponsored by Friends of Grayson Highlands" at top will be placed underneath the Plexiglas. This way it may prevent visitors, especially young children, from trampling the garden.
- Chad, Rhonda and Joann will help with the Blue Ridge Relay in July. Helpers are still needed for the September event.
- Kevin will check with Wal Mart site to store for Toshiba 15.4 screen laptop costing approximately \$478.

Park Manager Time

The park now has welcome kits for each family visitor of VA State Parks which include a map of parks in the state. VA State Parks are also offering collapsible hiking sticks. Visitation is slow in the horse campground (off 40%), but doing well in the regular campground. Grayson Highlands topped \$100,200 in merchandise for resale. Grayson Highlands get to keep 40% of profit for the park, but next year will not due to changes in the General Assembly. Harvey and Kevin completed their General Orders. Brad Johnson is no longer working and there is no decision when Jordan Blevins will be leaving. End of year for the park is June 30th. The inside of the Visitor Center has been redesigned.

New Business

- Joan will help Doug with the Friends booth during the Wayne C Henderson Festival. A display board of the Friends Projects will be on display.
- Concern regarding use of the trailer was discussed. Members agreed the trailer will only be used for FOGH and Park merchandise.
- Budget for 2009-2010 presented and approved.
- Rhonda Walls nominated and elected as new President for the Friends group.

Next meeting July 20th 7 p.m. at the Park Office