

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park
Minutes of Meeting November 16, 2009**

Present: Marci Holland, Kevin Kelley, Doug & Donna Niemi, Harvey & Moe Thompson, Rhonda Walls, and JoAnn Severt

Minutes of last meeting Approved

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of November 16, 2009 \$4592.85

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| Credits: | | Debits: | |
| Membership: | \$20.00 | Hayride | \$63.74 |
| Donations: | 54.40 | | |
| Total Credit: | \$74.40 | Total Debit: | \$63.74 |

Approved as presented

Old Business

- The 14 Friends t-shirts remaining to be sold have been brought to the office for possible sale.
- Rhonda brought sausage biscuits to sell during the Lottery hunt. Joan Kilby sent two crocks of potato soup and Kay Henderson sent chili beans and cornbread. Harvey made a large crock of beef stew.
- Kevin spoke with Christine Smith about the use of rain barrels, and she may do a workshop in the Spring. He also brought information sheets about rain barrels. Donna has these sheets.
- Kevin, Jim, Rick and Donna placed landscape timbers at Visitor Center. Landscaping timbers and rebar cost were \$133. Donna pulled all the Red Spruce that she did not like. Kevin replanted these plants behind the building, so as not to destroy them.

Park Manager Time

Sales are doing well. Merchandise for resale is \$86,000, and \$786 was brought in for parking fees this week. The weather during this hunt has been very warm. The youth hunt had a small number of participants. Thirteen youth participated in the youth hunt (eight selected, and 5 standby). Ten deer were harvested including 7 deer and 3 buck. Monday's Adult Lottery hunt had 26 of the 30 selected hunters participate. The remaining 4 openings were pulled from a drawing of 26 standby hunters. Harvey and Forrest Atwood will review outcome of this year's lottery hunt to determine needs for next year. Trail work on Cabin Creek and Wilson Creek continues. VDOT resurfaced the road with tar and gravel. There is still no approved budget.

New Business

- Moe received an email regarding the web application report service needed renewing. She contacted John, webmaster, and he processed the re-application.
- Harvey rebooted the weather station. It has been online for 3 months without fail.
- John would like input for updating the web site page sometime in January 2010.

No meeting December 2009

Next meeting: January 18, 2010 at 6:30 PM