

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park  
Minutes of Meeting October 19, 2009**

Present: Marcia Holland, Kevin Kelley, Donna Niemi, Harvey & Moe Thompson, and Rhonda Walls

**Minutes of last meeting** Approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance as of October 19, 2009 \$4582.19

Credits:		Debits:	
Membership:	\$20.00	Brochures	60.00
Donations:	22.37	Postage	8.30
T-shirt sales:	168.00	Photos, plates & Water Can	45.32
Blue Ridge Relay	463.15		
Aluminum Recycle	8.40		
Total Credit:	\$681.92	Total Debit:	\$113.62

Approved as presented

**Old Business**

- Approximately 14 t-shirts remain to be sold. They will be brought to the office in 2 weeks when the camp store and visitor center close for the season.
- The Hayride went well. About 100 people participated in four trips. Income for the event was \$296.

**Park Manager Time**

The certificate of occupancy for the group camp restroom has been received. Septic tanks in the horse camp and dump station are scheduled to be pumped. Weekend visitation is doing well with lots of people coming. Year to date merchandise for resale is 68% of predicted revenue has been achieved. No more information on the budget has been received. Park staff is currently working on re-establishing the split rail fence on Route 58 and removing leaves from ditch lines. Considering constructing a flat viewing/photo area as part of a trail grant project. The existing bridge structure on Cabin Creek Trail will be re-worked.

**New Business**

- Youth hunt will be November 14<sup>th</sup> and the Adult hunt will be November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Park staff will volunteer to bring crock pot dishes. Friends' members are invited to provide sausage or ham biscuits. Donna requested a picture if a FOGH member participates.
- A college group inquired about volunteering for an alternate Spring Break Project. Projects are difficult to offer at this time of year due to water not yet online at this time of year, and the weather is unpredictable.
- Kevin suggested looking into use of rain barrels in the park. He will check with Christine Smith and report at the next meeting.
- Marcia suggested FOGH sponsor craft or music people for demonstrations in the Visitor Center. Members present agreed to provide financial support (if needed), but felt contacting and scheduling would be best handled by park staff.

Next meeting: November 16, 2009 at 6:30 PM