

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park
Minutes of Meeting October 18, 2010**

Present: Ronda Walls, Harvey & Moe Thompson, Marcia Holland

Minutes of last meeting Approved

Treasurer's Report: No Report at this time. Treasurer, Donna Niemi away due to family illness.

Old Business

- Moe will wait to receive notice of renewals from Donna before resending for a third membership mailing.
- Rhonda reports the 99N Form has been sent, and in future years, will need to be completed within 5 months of July. The IRS fee is \$400 and the accountant fee for services \$600. The 1023 is the Tax Exempt form and has been sent.
- A donation to our group has not yet been received from Blue Ridge Relay.
- The Haunted Hayride had 272 participants with \$726 in revenue. There were 9 runs with plenty of volunteers. The time ran from about 6 pm to 11 pm. Plans for next year may include a location change to the picnic area and possibly trick or treating at the houses in the homestead area.
- Moe brought the plaque purchased at D&D Trophies (Marion, VA). The cost was \$200 and includes all future engraving. Wording/engraving for the plaque was postponed.

Park Manager Time

The last four weekends, the campground has been sold out. New incentives were introduced at the recent Park Manager's meeting. They include: 75th Anniversary celebration (request Friends assistance with this), Video of park staff wishing a 75th Happy Birthday, Youth Ambassador for the park, promotions for companies to establish grants and donations for multi media in the park. Virgil S. Possum went to Chris Doss at the Park Managers' meeting. Merchandise sales are doing well (\$92,000 this fiscal year – July 1 through October 18). Kevin and Harvey are working on in-service training for Law Enforcement which includes 40 hours of online coursework and testing. There will be free parking to park visitors on November 11th in honor of Veterans' day. Harvey will attend the District Managers' meeting on October 28th. This is a pot luck and Harvey will bring Moe's blueberry pizza.

New Business

- The youth lottery hunt will be Saturday, November 13 with 15 hunters; and Monday & Tuesday, November 15 & 16 with 30 hunters each day. There is also a lottery hunt on Saturday, December 11th. Due to the low number of hunters on November 13th, it was decided not to try a food fundraiser for this day. However, for the Monday & Tuesday hunts, Rhonda will provide 2 dozen jelly biscuits. Moe & Harvey will provide a crock pot dish and other staff will also contribute to this event.
- Due to park staff working the lottery hunt, the next Friends' meeting date has been changed to November 8th.

Next meeting: November 8, 2010, 6:30 pm at the park office.