

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park
Minutes of Meeting September 21, 2009**

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

Minutes of last meeting Approved

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of September 21, 2009 \$4013.89

Credits:		Debits:	
Membership:	\$140.00	Web Cam	\$177.21
Donations:	10.28	Fit-PC	210.97
T-shirt sales:	180.00		
Total Credit:	\$330.28	Total Debits:	\$388.18

Approved as presented

Old Business

- We will plan to order more t-shirts in February/March so they will be ready for sale during the Wayne C. Festival.
- FOGH had 5 volunteers (two at registration table, two at t-shirt pickup and one at the contact station) to help with the Blue Ridge Relay. We have not received a donation check for assisting them yet. It was noted that Blue Ridge Relay should locate more port-a-johns at the office. This race is held the Friday after Labor Day. FOGH members might plan this in their calendars, if we are asked to assist again (and a donation made to FOGH for our help). It was also noted that the runners were running all over the road, and for safety should be told to stay on the sides. Blue Ridge Relay should place more signs advising of runners in the road.
- The web cam has been relocated to get a better view. A shield to protect from snow was also placed over the web cam.
- Fall Festival will be September 26 & 27. Donna and Doug will set up the recycle units on Thursday evening. Joan Collins will arrive Saturday between 8 & 9 to put the plastic bags in the units and man the Friends tent, and Doug & Donna will man the tent on Sunday.

Park Manager Time

The budget has been submitted with a 15% reduction. Kevin and Harvey completed requalification last week. Thirteen positions with the VA State parks will not be filled due to the budget shortfall. Marcia's position at Cove Ridge has been put on hold. She will leave January 10th for 20 weeks of training.

New Business

- New Friends Brochures have been designed and printed from Jerry's Typewriter & Printing (300 copies, front & back for \$60).
- There will be a Haunted Hayride on October 10th from 6-10 p.m. Kevin requests help with refreshments, kids' games and the haunted ride. Moe will send an email requesting volunteers. Those helping with refreshments and games need to arrive at 5:30, and those helping with the costumes and hayride need to arrive between 4:30 – 5:00. Those with questions, contact Kevin via his email.

Next meeting October 19th, 6:30 p.m. at the Park Office