

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park
Minutes of Meeting June 16, 2008**

Present: Rhonda Walls, Doug and Donna Niemi, Harvey and Moe Thompson, Joan Collins, Vince Elliott, Al and Mata Lehmann, Kevin Kelley

Minutes of last meeting approved

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of June 16, 2008 \$3,524.77
Credits: \$00.00 Total Credits \$00.00
Debits: \$1,625.00 (6' x 10' covered trailer) Total Debits \$1,625.00
Approved as presented

Old Business

- Donna & Doug will help with the Blue Ridge Relay Race.
- Harvey purchased the trailer for the Friends group. This one is a 6' x 10' single axle, covered trailer. Kevin's estimates were for an uncovered trailer.
- Donna continues with work on the wildflower garden. A volunteer Viper's Bug Loss is growing in the garden this week. Possibly building a bridge across the ravine and a covered bench was discussed.
- Kevin is to present receipts for designated funds for approved projects of the Friends group by June 30th. In addition, \$100 was approved for the Dog Show to be held in August.

Park Manager's Time

Monitoring of water use continues. There is a 30% chance of rain predicted for this Saturday and the Wayne C. festival. An air conditioner was installed in the office due to unbearable temperatures experienced recently. There have been many positive comments regarding trail rerouting. Canoe trips are being offered in May & June. Basic canoe strokes are taught as well as an appreciation of the health of the surrounding environment. Horse camping use has been low this year. Grayson Highlands State Park was featured on Channel 5's "One Tank Trips" feature. A TV crew made an unannounced visit and interviewed Kevin and Kim for this.

New Business

- The Virginia Parks Association membership needs to be renewed. Maureen will work on sending out membership renewals and yearly update of friends' projects.
- Donna presented the annual treasurer's report and proposed budget. The fee for the Post Office Box will increase next year.
- The Friends group may help with support of the YCC and a potential 2 week stay of Ameri Corp.

Next meeting July 21, 2008, 7 p.m. at the Park Office