

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park
Minutes of Meeting July 19, 2010**

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

Minutes of last meeting Amended and approved – Joan Collins will act as Vice President & all other officers will remain the same. Rhonda Walls – President, Donna Niemi – Treasurer, Moe Thompson – Secretary

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of July 19, 2010 \$6013.43

Credits

Membership \$330.00, Donations \$145.41, Wayne Festival \$1,000, T-shirts \$146.00 **Total Credits: \$1621.41**

Debits

Resourceful Bags (200 recycle bags) \$125.62, Walmart (Jr. & Adventure Rangers) \$177.87, Walmart (Adventure Rangers) \$124.35 **Total Debits: \$427.84**

Approved as presented

Old Business

- Moe put a link for rain barrel instructions on the Friends' website.
- Virginia State Parks are participating in the Odwalla Plant a Tree contest again this year. Deadline for voting is August 15th. The Plant a Tree code is VA1000.
- Moe sent thank you to Roy Kilby for helping with the tool box and flower beds.
- Moe sent out member renewal letters. At this time approximately one third of members have returned their renewals.
- Staff & volunteer appreciation lunch will be held at the barn on Wednesday, August 4th. Rhonda will make posters so staff can plan and not bring their lunch. Rhonda will purchase pizzas from pizza restaurant in Independence. Cost is \$5.99 per pizza and she will purchase 15 pizzas.
- Doug requests we look for clear bags that can be used with the recycle units. The shipping for the ones he purchased was very high, so he'd like to see if we can find something locally. The bags will need to be clear and the correct size to fit the unit.
- Kevin says the Jr. and Adventure Ranger programs were a big hit. Both programs went well. Friends helped support partial cost for five campers. The suggestion was made for future programs to advertise that "scholarships/camperships" were available through the Friends of Grayson Highlands to help defray the cost of those persons with financial hardship.
- Dog Show will be held Saturday, August 7th.

Park Manager Time

The park is averaging over \$1,000 a day in merchandise since July. Grayson Highlands has the #1 Logo t-shirt and most books sold state wide in the past four weeks. Harvey predicts 25% of annual merchandise will occur in July. Well #11 turned yellow which indicates there is no more water to pump. Approximately 6,000 gallons of water are used per day. The springs are drying up and it may be necessary to downsize the amount of water available. The regular campground has an increase in number of campers on Sunday and Monday. There will probably be no change until mid August.

New Business

- Evalynn requested the Friends provide cookies and drinks to sell as a fund raiser at the campground program this Friday. Rhonda and Moe will help with this. The decision was made to request donations only for the cookies and drinks, since others with experience advised this method seems to bring in more money.
- Motion was made and approved to contact an attorney to review the Friends tax exempt status.

Next meeting August 16th at 7 p.m.