

**Friends of Grayson Highlands State Park
Minutes of Meeting September 20, 2010**

Present: Ronda Walls, Harvey & Moe Thompson, Doug Niemi, Gerald Anderson, Joan Collins and Kevin Kelley

Minutes of last meeting Approved

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of September 20, 2010 \$6290.83

Credits

Membership \$170.00, Donations \$28.30, T-shirts \$20.00, Labor Day Donations from Bake Goods \$133.07

Total Credits: \$351.37

Debits

Wal-Mart (Dog Show) \$14.68, Pizza Plus (Staff Picnic) \$107.83, Wal-Mart (Office Supplies) \$7.06, State Corporation (Annual Registration) \$25.00

Total Debits: \$154.57

Approved as presented

Old Business

- Moe resent registration letters to those members who had not yet registered for the year. We will wait until October to resend for a third mailing.
- Rhonda continues to work with Vickie Hendren on the 99N Form and 1023. She will bring the Articles of Incorporation to the next meeting. The 1023 form is complete and will be sent in by October 15th.
- The friends group collected \$133.07 in donations during the Labor Day Wayne C. Music help at the amphitheater.
- Blue Ridge Relay went well. We had 6 volunteers to help. A donation to our group has not yet been received.
- Gerald Anderson is now on the signature card for the Friends group.
- The Haunted Hayride is scheduled for Saturday, October 9th. Kevin requests volunteers. He anticipates the time to be 5:30 to 9:00.

Park Manager Time

Doug Domenech sent a thank you for his visit at the park. Jeb Wilkerson, DCR Department Director, visited the park Wednesday evening from 5:30 to 7:30. The staff is preparing for the Fall Festival and the pony association is rounding up the ponies. There was a wedding reception last Saturday. Merchandise for resale is \$74,854 since July. Over 2,000 bundles of firewood have been sold. The sewage pump is inoperable in the picnic area. Staff is hoping to replace this tomorrow. Over 1200 people were in the park on Friday with the Blue Ridge Relay. Sunday evening, a sixteen year old was found lost in the park after becoming separated from his group on the AT. Harvey was able to reconnect him with his party.

New Business

- Joan will help with the Friends' tent during the Fall Festival. She will set up the recycle units also.
- Moe brought a catalogue to select the recognition of donors' plaque. A cost limit of \$215 was set and she is to inquire about the black versus brass engravings. She will order and report at the next meeting.

Next meeting October 18, 2010, 6:30 pm at the park office.