Greetings All,

I hope everyone is enjoying the fall weather and getting a few late season floats in. This is your new President Ryan Bomar writing to you for the first time since taking office. For those of you who haven’t heard, I was voted in at the Labor Day meeting and was handed the paddle by outgoing President Tony "El Guapo" Adams. I would like to thank Tony for his four years of service and his guidance in preparing me to take over this rowdy bunch of river rats. May his reign never be forgotten.

I’m happy to say that the Labor Day camp-out went off without a hitch. We were blessed with beautiful weather and prime late summer river conditions to make for an excellent weekend. We had about 75 people in attendance which made for some great camp hopping and food sampling. It’s always wonderful to see all the chapters come together and enjoy a fun-filled family gathering. Thank you to all the Slate River property owners who have been so excellent in letting us host events there. I would also like to thank Brian Vande Sande for booking Tray and Joanne Epps who played us a killer show up at the pavilion. A special Thank You is also due for Tyler & Beth Willoughby for going above and beyond in organizing the Silent Auction which raised money for a great cause. I’m proud of you both.

As you all know the winter meeting is fast approaching and it would be wonderful to see a larger turnout this year. If you want your voice to be heard within the club I strongly suggest you try to attend. This year’s meeting will be held at the Slate River Property at 11:00am on Saturday December 3rd.

On the topic of event scheduling I could really use your help folks. It was brought up at the Labor Day meeting that we’ve fallen into a rut as far as using the same properties over and over again. As extremely fortunate as we are to have these locations available to us we don’t want to wear out our welcome from overuse nor have things feel stale. So my question to you is this: do you or someone you know have property on or near a navigable river that the FFV could use for a Memorial Day or Labor Day weekend? If you have any leads on this please let me know. Thanks in advance.

See you on the river. 
-Ryan Bomar
President: Tony Adams called meeting to order at 9:04am. A thank you went out to the SRPI for the continued use of the property. Another thank went out to you to Brian Van de Sande for finding an excellent band. The music was fantastic.

Secretary: Ginnie M Peck made a motion to accept the minutes, from the Memorial Day meeting, as printed in the Summer 2016 Newsletter. Kathleen O'Farrell seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was passed.

Treasurer: Lisa Barbieri-O'Sullivan was unable to attend. Ginnie Peck reminded the group that we will need a new Treasurer before the end of this year. Lisa will be stepping down. Tom Baker has volunteered for the position and will take over as Treasurer after the winter meeting.

Webmaster: Traci Martin was unable to attend. Ginnie Peck reminded the group to submit pictures, stories, etc. to the Webmaster.

Membership Chair: Scott McEwen reported 150 paid FFV members for this year. Last year, at this time, there were 192 paid members. There was some discussion of a few members paying their 2016 dues this weekend.

Conservation Chair: Bill Tanger was unable to attend.

Newsletter Editor: Taylor Adams reminded people to please send newsletter submissions to the ffvbusiness@gmail.com e-mail address. The submission dates are by the 15th of the month preceding the newsletter distribution: Submissions are due by: January 15, April 15, July 15, & October 15. These dates are posted on the Web page and on the last page of every newsletter.

Old Business: Tony reminded people that new FFV decals are available. Large: $3.00 Small: $3.00

New Slate of Officers: Ginnie Peck presented the Slate of Officers: President: Ryan Bomar / Secretary: Ginnie Peck / Treasurer: We need a volunteer / Vice Presidents: Erica Goode, Bill Duncan, Bill Tanger, Tony Adams. Rick Mattox made a motion that we accept the Slate of Officers, as presented. Ginnie Peck seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion was passed.

Officers Needed: Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, & Secretary

River Tax: Please give to Ginnie Peck. She will deposit in state Account on Tuesday.

Meeting Adjourned: Ginnie Peck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:14am. Michael Powell seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion was passed.
As many of you may be aware, our son in law Dan Jacobs has been dealing with some serious health issues and has been unable to work since June.

On behalf of Dan and Loren and their sons, Liam and Tucker, thanks so much for your generosity and the contributions raised on their behalf at the silent auction over Labor Day weekend.

We would especially like to thank Rock and Beth Willoughby for organizing the auction. We are all appreciative beyond words at everything that has been done on their behalf.

Thanks again,

Rick Mattox

Dan and I want to thank everyone who donated to the silent auction. It means so much that y'all spent your time and money to help us. A special thanks and a big hug to Rock and Beth for organizing the auction. Dan is getting stronger and stronger and got some great news at his last doctor’s visit. Thanks again to our FFV family!

Loren Jacobs
2016 FFV Event Schedule

Winter Meeting @ the Slate Property: December 3 @ 11:00am
Contact: Ryan Bomar

Fruit Cake Float on the Rivanna: January 1, 2017
Contact: Konrad Zeller

Directions to the Winter Meeting
Address for GPS: 10330 Bridgeport Rd / Arvonia, VA 23004

From Richmond: Take Route 6 River Road West (from downtown that’s 64 West to the Oilville exit South on 617 Oilville Road, right on 250 West Broad Street Road, Left on 632 Fairgrounds Road, right on Route 6, go West), follow to Fork Union, stay straight on Route 15 James Madison Hwy, cross the James. After roughly 1.5 mi. take a right on Route 652 and cross the Slate River. Driveway will be first left.

From Charlottesville: Take Route 20 South through Scottsville and across the James River. Turn Left onto Route 652 (Bridgeport Road). Follow approximately 9 miles and turn right into field. If you cross the Slate river, you have gone a half mile too far.

From Lynchburg: Take Route 60 East to Route 15 (James Madison Highway) North. Turn left on Route 652 (Bridgeport road) at Arvonia. Route 652 and cross the Slate River. Driveway will be first left.

Directions with maps can be found on the FFV Web Page: http://www.floatfishermen.org/page.html
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