

2014 Winter Meeting Minutes / Saturday December 6, 2014
Secretary: Ginnie M. Peck

President: Tony Adams called the meeting to order.

Secretary Report: **Ginnie Peck made a motion to accept the minutes as written and posted. Rick Mattox Seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion was carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Katherine Waller was unavailable to present the Treasury Report.

- Tony Adams announced that a new treasurer is needed ASAP and has asked that everyone branch out to help find a replacement for Katherine.
- Bill Tanger, Chair of the Finance Committee, did his best to create a Treasurer's report with the previous reports presented and recent bank statements. The following is an approximation.
 1. Balance Forward: \$6,931.07
 2. Total Income Listed 2014: \$3,791.00
 3. Total Listed Income with Balance Forward: \$10,722.07
 4. Total Expenses Listed 2014: \$2611.60
 5. Total Listed Income After Listed Expenses: \$1,179.40
 6. Total Listed Income and Balance Forward after Expenses: \$8,110.47
 7. Total Balance of three CD's: 21,951.04
 8. Total Combined Assets: \$30,061.51
- The above report includes the dates ranging from 12/1/13 - 10/31/14. The November statement was not calculated.
- There are a few calculations missing. This includes the River Tax collected, by the Roanoke Chapter, for Labor Day weekend and the cost of the 2014 Fall Newsletter.
- Members of the Finance Committee are working to create an accurate statement.
- **Voting on the final 2014 Treasurer's Report will be tabled until an accurate statement can be presented to the club.**
- Bill Tanger has made a recommendation that we assign three new people to the signature card at BB&T.
- *This next piece of information is out of the order of events: Lisa O'Sullivan has volunteered to become the net FFV State Treasurer. This occurred at the end of the meeting. Ginnie Peck made a motion that we accept Lisa as our new Treasurer. Rick Mattox seconded the motion. Lisa was voted in as the new FFV State Treasurer. Due to the relevance, the below Motion was amended.*
- **Ginnie Peck made a motion asking the club to authorize Tony Adams, Rick Mattox and Katherine Waller to update the signature card, at BB&T bank. The changes will include removing Katherine Waller's name and adding Tony Adams and Rick Mattox to the card. Once a new Treasurer is found, that person's name will be added as well. Rick Mattox seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion was carried.**
- **The above motion was amended at the end of the meeting and reads as follows:**
The club authorizes Tony Adams, Rick Mattox and Lisa O'Sullivan to have their names added to the signature card at BB&T Bank. All other names will be removed from the signatory card. Motion was carried.

Membership Chair: Scott McEwen reported that there are 205 paid members for 2014. This up from 181 paid members in 2013. A challenge was presented to each member to help bring in new members by

inviting them to our events next year. Please contact your local treasurer to pay dues or to obtain a copy of the most recent membership list. You may get a copy of the list by emailing: dickels.treasurer@gmail.com

Webmaster: Traci Martin was unavailable, due to injury, to attend the meeting. Charlie Safley presented the update. Currently Traci is at a stall. She does have more work to do on the new site, however needs to have the final link made from the old site to the new before she continues.

- **Patrick O’Sullivan made a motion to have Traci or Tony to contact Bob Born and ask that the final link be made and all access to both web sites and domains be presented to Traci in writing, for future access and updates. Bob Peck seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion was carried.**
- There was concern that the old site information would be lost.
- The original site will still exist, it will just be inactive.
- Once the new site is activated, anyone searching for Float Fishermen of Virginia will be directed to the new sites.
- Our current domains will remain intact.

Newsletter Editor: Taylor Adams thanked everyone for the support, newsletter submissions and the opportunity to create the newsletter.

- His one concern is that submissions to the newsletter must be sent on or before each deadline.
- The newsletter goes out four times yearly: February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. Delays in submissions can delay the newsletter.
- All deadlines are posted on the last page of the newsletter and at the bottom of the electronic MailChimp that the newsletter is attached to.

Conservation: Bill Tanger gave an update on the Cushaw project.

- The Cushaw project has been ongoing for over 10 years. The original proposal (Plan A) was to cross under the CSX tracks at a 10’ diameter culvert.
- Plan B was to make an at-grade crossing at Lock 14 on the James river below Balcony Falls. The proposal was rejected by CSX.
- The next proposal (Plan C) was to create a legal crossing at the ‘Iron Man Take Out’ at the end of the Whitewater section of the river. This would include a long path from the river, up the bank, across the RR (railroad) tracks, up another steep bank to the current picnic area.
- The proposal includes building a pedestrian bridge over the RR tracks and down to the other side.
- The good news is that CSX should not be able to reject this proposal and the US Forest Service approves of the plan. The bad news is that it is a long trek for boaters.
- As an FYI: When CSX rejected the original proposal, FORVA filed a complaint with the SCC (State Corporation Commission). Attorneys are still looking into this with the argument that one legal crossing is better than 4-5 illegal and unsanctioned crossings.
- Expense of Plan C (Pedestrian Crossing at picnic ground): This would be an expensive project, upwards of \$400,000.00. There is currently \$189,000.00 in DCR earmarked specifically for this project. The money came from the Cushaw Dam Relicensing. Bill feels we can double this amount by using it as match grant money.
- The project may cost much more. This will be unknown until we know which plan will be in effect. There are many organizations out there that provide grant money. When the time comes, the parties involved will write a grant proposal in an effort to obtain more funds.
- Another Alternative: A fourth alternative is to expand the AT Trail parking area, adjacent to the current parking area. This plan involves granting use to the public, to include boaters, not just to the AT Trail.
- Bill Tanger will present other Access Issues in the next newsletter.

Old Business:

- A. Veteran Heroes Float: Erica Goode, Traci Martin, Patrick O'Sullivan and Ginnie Peck are working on this project. We were not prepared to proceed with the event last year.
 1. The plan is to continue to meet and develop the event, with help from local organizations.
 2. Wintergreen has an adaptive program that currently hosts a similar event each year. We plan to get involved with this program and build our event in a similar fashion.
 3. We will continue to give updates as we move forward.
 4. Our prospective date for 2015 is 9/18/14.
- B. Chesapeake Bay Journal: This is a free publication with excellent conservation information and current waterway updates.
 1. Subscribe via web: www.bayjournal.com
 2. You may get the journal by mail or simply by visiting the above web page.

New Business:

- A. Finance Committee Report: Bill Tanger
 - A copy of the budget proposal will be included in the next MailChimp.
 - A copy of the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes will also be available.
 - **Bill Tanger made a motion to reinstate the FFV PO Box for FFV Mail. This Box has not been used by FFV in a few years. Using this PO Box will negate the need to change the address everytime a new treasurer steps in. Charlie Safley seconded the motion. No discussion followed. Motion was carried.**
 - The FFV address is: **P.O.Box 1750 / Roanoke VA 24008**
 - This Box will be checked and maintained by Bill Tanger.
 - **Ginnie Peck made a motion to accept the 2015 Budget Plan, with the necessary changes, after the final 2014 Treasury Report is amended. Scott McEwen seconded the motion. No discussion followed. Motion was carried.**
- B. Foundation Report: Bill Tanger
 - **Bill Tanger made a motion that we make a \$100.00 donation to the following three organizations: FORVA, American Rivers, and American Whitewater. Bill Duncan seconded the motion. No discussion followed. Motion was carried.**
 - Bill Tanger is accepting nominations for the Randy Carter Award. Please send any nominations to him with a written BIO of the Candidate.
 - The Foundation is accepting nominations for a new slate of Foundation Officers. Please contact Bill Tanger with nominations.
- C. Expanding the Club Name to include a Subtitle:
 - People seeking FFV on the internet are sometimes very confused as to what our organization is about. Some of this will be clarified with the new webpage.
 - A proposal has been made for us to add a subtitle to let people know that , we are not just fishermen, that we are conservationists, we camp, canoe, kayak etc.
 - Please make suggestions to Ginnie Peck; ginniepeck@gmail.com
 - An example would be: Float Fishermen of Virginia: Virginia's Paddling Club

Announcements: DUES ARE DUE for 2015: Please contact your local Treasurer to pay Dues. Dues not paid by March 31st will be dropped from the Membership List.

2015 Trip Schedule:

1. Dickel Spring Fling: 4/10/15 - 4/12/15 on the Rockfish River / Contact Ginnie Peck
2. Douthat State Park: 4/17/15 - 4/19/15 Contact Rick Mattox for details
3. HeadSuckin at R5: 4/25/15 Contact Frank Owen
4. Memorial Weekend: 5/22/15 - 5/25/15 at Slate River Property / Contact Rock Willoughby
 - Porta Johns: Rock will arrange for 3 porta Johns with 1 clean out at the going rate.
 - Band: Timi and Harry; \$500.00

- Donation to SRPI: \$75.00
 - River Tax: \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family will be collected per chapter and given to treasurer after meeting on Sunday.
5. Kid Float: 6/6/15 on the James River / Camping at Hatten's Ferry / Contact Erica Goode / \$500.00 donation for lunches
 6. Dickel Summer Float: TBA / Contact Patrick O'Sullivan
 7. Labor Day Weekend: 9/4/15 - 9/7/15 at Solitude on the James / Contact Bill Tanger
 - Porta Johns: Bill will arrange for Porta Johns with 1 possible clean out at the going rate.
 - Band: \$400 - \$500.00 arranged by Tony Adams
 - Donation to Solitude: \$75.00
 - River Tax: \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family will be collected per chapter and given to treasurer after meeting on Sunday.
 8. Veteran Heroes Float: Prospective Date 9/18/15
 9. Dickel Bash: TBA / Contact Patrick O'Sullivan
 10. Dicekel Halloween Float: Prospective Date 10/23/15 - 10/25/15 TBA
 11. Winter Meeting: 12/5/15 at Ruckers Run on the Tye River / Contact Tony Adams
 12. Fruitcake Foat: 1/1/16 on the Rivanna River / Contact Konrad Zeller

Adjourn the Meeting: **Ginnie Peck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Mattox seconded the motion. No discussion. Meeting adjourned.**

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