



Meeting Minutes

Courtesy of Rick Mattox

FLOAT FISHERMEN OF VIRGINIA BUSINESS MEETING May 30, 2021 Minutes

- Call to order: Rock
The meeting called to order by President Rock at 9:05 AM
- Secretary Report: Loren Jacobs
Motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of the December meeting as published in the Winter newsletter.
- Treasurer's Report: Bryon Jones
The Treasurer's Report indicated a beginning balance of \$12,181 with deposits of \$1,860 and withdrawals of \$926 and an ending balance of \$13,115 for a net increase of \$934. The club also has 2 CDs totaling \$8,630. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report passed.
- Membership Report: Ginnie Peck
109 Paid members as of this weekend. Several members paid dues during the weekend, so that number should increase.

If you have not done so, please pay your 2021 FFV dues ASAP.

- Newsletter Report: Jaime Baird
It was suggested to include dues notice in the newsletter in bold red as a reminder to pay your dues. Jaime is always looking for articles and photos to include in the newsletter. Much appreciation to Jaime for the great job she is doing in putting together and distributing our newsletter.
- Webmaster Report: Traci Martin
Website up to date. We will auto renew our web domain \$18 to \$20 per site
The FFV had 1,000 hits this past month. We average 800 to 1,500 hits for the site.
- Conservation Chair Report: Bill Tanger
Upper James River brochures were passed out.

Balcony Falls take out: FORVA has obtained a permit from VDOT for access from Route 501. FORVA is now making arrangements to meet with U.S. Forestry Service and CSX to clarify the agreement.

Roanoke River damage caused by Hurricane Michael has been cleaned up and is in good shape.

Blackwater River – FORVA was awarded a \$90,000 grant from Virginia Outdoors Foundation for new access on the Blackwater. FORVA is attempting to increase access on the Blackwater. They are also working with Franklin for a Blueway section.

Big Otter access purchase is on hold with a \$7,500 offer on the table. A couple of options to consider in the meantime would be a lease agreement with the landowner and FORVA/FFV for use of the property. It was also suggested we approach the landowner for written permission to use the property.

Pigg River still has one massive log jam. A chain saw party is being organized this summer to clear this jam.

River access – DWR access fee. The fee is on hold for 1 year. DWR is putting together a committee to study the issue. The bill will be re-introduced next session. Bill has been asked to participate on the committee to study the issue. An attorney is prepared to file suit over the fee as being in violation of federal law. Federal law precludes charging a fee to use federal waters.

Motion for FFV to support the lawsuit was passed.

- FFV Foundation Report: Bill Tanger
Big Otter River access purchase is on hold pending acceptance of the \$7,500 offer by FORVA/FFV from the landowner.
- Old Business:
Bill will get an estimate on publishing new brochures.
- New Business:
Bryon Jones, Debbi Mattox and Rick Mattox met with Brian Williams in Bassett, VA to paddle a section of the Smith River and explore a possible site for a FFV gathering in Southside VA.

Thanks to RC for hosting this meeting.

A motion was made and passed to compensate the Randy Carter Chapter and the Solitude landowners \$75 each for use of their property for our Memorial Day and Labor Day meetings.

It was suggested by Erica Goode that FFV should do something to celebrate our 50-year anniversary. This will be discussed further.

- The meeting adjourned around 10:00