



Meeting Minutes

Courtesy of Rick Mattox

FLOAT FISHERMEN OF VIRGINIA, INC.
BUSINESS MEETING
September 5, 2021
Minutes by Rick Mattox on behalf of Loren Jacobs

- Call to order: Rock
The meeting was called to order by president Rock Willoughby at 9:05AM.
 - Secretary Report (Approve minutes): Loren Jacobs
Minutes of the Memorial Day business meeting were approved as distributed.
 - Treasurer's Report: Bryon Jones
Treasurer's report accepted: The Treasurer's Report indicated a beginning balance as of the end of April in the amount of \$13,115 and an ending balance as of the end of July in the amount of \$13,431, for a net gain of \$316. The club also has 2 CDs totaling \$8,630.
- Thanks and appreciation to Bryon Jones for serving as treasurer for the past couple of years.
- Membership Report:
Ginnie Peck reported current membership at 127 members with 5 more people joining this weekend, for a total of 132.
 - Newsletter Report: Jaime Baird
Please continue sending articles and photos to Jaime to include in the newsletter.
 - Webmaster Report: Traci Martin
The FFV website is up to date.
 - Conservation Chair Report: Bill Tanger
Balcony Falls access – VDOT has issued a permit, the Forest Service has approved the project and CSX has approved. We are currently looking for an engineering firm to provide specs for constructing a tunnel under the railroad tracks as well as a feasibility study.

Bill is currently working on three access sites in Franklin County as well as additional access on the Roanoke River.

He is also working with Bob Borne and FORVA on removing a dam in Dickenson County on the McClure River.

Bill is also developing support for Scenic River status for the Roanoke River.

Bill provided an update on the DWR access fee legislation passed during the 2020 session of the General Assembly, then delayed in 2121 to conduct further study. Bill distributed copies of the Stakeholder Workgroup Report published in August. The report indicated that boater related revenue exceeded expenses for 2019, 2020 and 2021. In September, there will be a follow-up meeting with the user group. Bill is a member of the user group and is encouraging everyone to contact their state delegate and senator requesting that this bill be repealed in the 2022 session of the General Assembly. Bill will send a sample email to use when notifying your senator or delegate.

- FFV Foundation Report: Bill Tanger
The owner of the Big Otter River property was sent a draft lease to allow FFV and FORVA to use the property. There has been no response from owner.
- Old Business:
Much thanks to Mr. Tanger and the owners of the Solitude property for hosting our Labor Day weekend gathering.
- New Business:
Bill Tanger reported that the cost to order new FFV brochures is \$300 for 500 brochures.

Bill Tanger reported on 5 fatalities on the Dan River. Nine tubers went over a dam in high water resulting in the 5 fatalities. As a result, there is an effort to pass legislation requiring ropes across rivers above dams to help prevent future drownings.

- Nominating Committee Report:

The following members were elected as FFV officers for 2021/2022:

President:	Erica Goode
Treasurer:	Mitch Simms
Secretary:	Loren Jacobs
Vice President/Conservation Chair:	Bill Tanger
Vice President:	Bill Duncan
Vice President:	Tony Adams
Vice President:	Herb Coleman
Membership Chair:	Ginnie Peck
Newsletter Chair:	Jaime Baird
Webmaster:	Traci Martin

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30.