



Meeting Minutes

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FLOAT FISHERMEN OF VIRGINIA

BUSINESS MEETING

December 4, 2021

Agenda

- **Call to order:** **Erica Goode**
The meeting was called to order by Erica Goode at 11:06 AM
- **Secretary Report:**
Rick Mattox motioned to accept the minutes from the Labor Day meeting as published. The motion was approved.
- **Treasurer's Report:** **Mitch Sims**
Mitch reported a current checking account balance of \$12,397 plus \$8,631 invested in CDs for a total of 21,028. This is an increase of \$904 year to date.
- **Membership Report:** **Ginnie Peck**
155 members 20ish up from last year.
- **Newsletter Report:** **Jaime Baird**
No report but great job by Jaime.
There was a request for the printed copies to be in color.
Please continue to send articles and photos to Jaime for inclusion in future newsletters.
- **Webmaster Report:** **Traci Martin**
No report.
GoDaddy bill for the website is being paid monthly.
Trying to get more pictures of kids on the river for the website.
It was suggested that we need a link on the current webpage to the foundation page (ffva.org).
- **Conservation Chair Report:** **Bill Tanger**
River access fees on pause for a year. Bill has requested that we contact our General Assembly representatives to support repeal of the bill introduced in 2020 establishing river access fees. A study group facilitated by VCU has recommended repeal.
Need sponsorship for watercraft sales and usage bill.
FORVA working on dam removal on Blackwater River. Just got funding.
FORVA continues to work on removing log jam on the Pigg River,
Making progress on Balcony Falls take-out. Railroad supports the proposed takeout and working on new railroad crossing/trestle.
See newsletter for other projects.
- **FFV Foundation Report:** **Bill Tanger**
Big Otter project not moving forward. The current owner has not responded to offer to purchase by FORVA and FFV.
Bill is asking the membership to be on the lookout for potential river access property for sale closer to the center of the state

Randy Carter Award: No potential candidates at this time. Bill is seeking recommendations for qualified candidates. Accepting suggestions for candidates committed to river conservation.

- Trip Schedule:
 - Back Creek/Douthat State Park: 4/1 to 4/3 Douthat Lodge is reserved and cabins are available for rent.
 - Dickel Spring Fling: 4/29-5/1 Rockfish River
 - R5 Cajun Weekend: 4/22-4/24
 - Memorial Weekend: 5/27 – 5/30
 - Location: Slate River Property (motion made and approved)
 - Port-o-johns: 1 (Ginnie \$100ish)
 - Band: \$500
 - Budget: \$75 for property owner
 - Labor Day Weekend: 9/2 – 9/5
 - Location: Dierkes property on Rt. 60 at the James River bridge at Bent Creek.
 - Port-o-johns: 3 (Rick Mattox)
 - Band: \$500
 - Budget: \$100
 - Dickle Bash: Oct (TBD) Slate River Property
 - Business meeting: Slate River Property, Saturday December 3, 2022

- **Old Business:**

\$100 donations to FORVA, American Rivers, and American Whitewater (motioned and accepted)

Federal budget has close to a billion dollars for water projects. Restore, Retrofit, and remove; issues with retrofitting dams with hydro. Keep an eye on projects concerning retrofitting dams.

- **New Business:**

Kids Float and river race in Scottsville: June 11, 2021

Partnering with Scottsville Elementary, FFV, and the Boys and Girls Club FFV to sponsor the event.

We are searching for funding opportunities to offset costs. We will need PFDs, paddles for the kids and funding for lunch.

Potential donor and sponsor –Katherine Waller will be working with Carter Myers dealerships – collecting aluminum to cash in for money. Need volunteers to collect aluminum from 20 dealerships across the state.

FFV donation- \$100 (Motioned, seconded and approved)

Bob deRosset Passed away and we would like to include a dedication to him in the newsletter

Women's Float- Slate River Property, June 25th

Looking for ways to simplify FFV dues payments such as Paypal or Venmo. Individual chapters looking into moving forward. Mitch will discuss options Memorial Day weekend.

Bill Tanger has made brochures for FFV and they are available if interested.

Looking into a possible WNRN community connection spot in the spring.

Tree planting ceremony to honor members who have passed away to be held Memorial Day Weekend – Dickel chapter funding

- Adjourn: Motion to adjourn 12:45, seconded, accepted