

# Float Fishermen of Virginia

December 7, 2013 Winter Meeting Minutes

**President:** Tony Adams ([president@floatfishermen.org](mailto:president@floatfishermen.org) / [antonadams@comcast.net](mailto:antonadams@comcast.net))

Meeting called to order by Tony. Welcome to the Slate River Property. Thank you to the slate members for the use of the property. We have a few new topics of discussion: will get to those later in the meeting.

**Secretary Report:** Ginnie Peck ([ginniepeck@gmail.com](mailto:ginniepeck@gmail.com) / [secretary@floatfishermen.org](mailto:secretary@floatfishermen.org))

1. The minutes from the Labor Day Meeting were posted on the FFV Webpage and printed in the Last newsletter.
2. Ginnie made a motion to accept the minutes as posted. Richard Ledbetter seconded the motion. There was no discussion to follow. Motion was carried.
3. The minutes from this meeting will be posted on the FFV webpage in early January 2014. They will also appear in the 1st 2014 Fishin' Pole Pack & Paddle.

**Treasurer Report:** Katherine Waller was unable to attend. ([treasuere@floatfishermen.org](mailto:treasuere@floatfishermen.org))

1. Kitty Kimmel presented the report. A copy was passed out to the members present.  
Report:
  - a. Total Income from 7/31/13 - present: \$1,893.00
  - b. Total Expenses from 7/31/13 - present: \$2,199.14
  - c. Ending Balance for Checking (11/30/13): \$6,966.81
  - d. Total balance of CD's: \$8,545.37
  - e. Total Assets: \$15,512.18
2. Bill Tanger suggested that the Treasury report be presented according to the calendar year rather than from Labor Day to Labor Day each year. Since Katherine was not available to discuss the issue, it was tabled to the next meeting.
3. Bill Tanger made a motion that we accept the Treasury Report as presented. Bob de Rossett seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion was carried.

**Membership Report:** Tim Stuller was unable to attend. ([membership@floatfishermen.org](mailto:membership@floatfishermen.org))

1. The roster was not available.
2. Ginnie Peck requested that we have an updated roster placed on the member's last page every quarter.
3. Scott McGowen stated that he is working with Bob Born to update the Webpage and Member's List page.
4. Bill Tanger requested that the Member's list be e-mailed to members 1-2 times yearly.
5. It has also been requested that the Member's list be in a PFD file format.
6. Don Leeger stated that our By-Laws state that a current membership list is supposed to be provided yearly.
7. Scott McGowen agreed to work with Tim and Allison to get this updated and posted.
8. Tim Stuller will step down from his position as Membership chair.
9. WE ARE LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER TO TAKE OVER AS MEMBERSHIP CHAIR.

**Newsletter Editor & Report:** Allison Herbert ([editor@floatfishermen.org](mailto:editor@floatfishermen.org))

1. The next newsletter is due to be sent out in February 2014.
2. Most newsletters are being sent via e-mail. There are some members that do not have e-mail or prefer to have them sent via US Mail.
3. Old newsletters: Allison has a collection of old newsletters, in a binder, dating back to 1976.

4. There are still a few large gaps between newsletters. Any members with a collection of old newsletters please contact Allison.
5. Allison is currently still working on having the newsletters scanned & placed on our webpage.
6. We are still having issues with members not receiving the newsletter.
7. It is extremely important that the Chapter Treasurers get the appropriate information to Katherine, Tim & Allison.
8. ***FYI: This portion was not a part of the Minutes taken @ the meeting.***
  - a. ***Once Dues are paid, the chapter treasurer is to deposit the State portion of dues into the State account and send the receipt to Katherine.***
  - b. ***Please write the Chapter name on the receipt & the number of members paid.***
  - c. ***Please send Tim & Allison an updated list indicating any changes to the list.***
  - d. ***Information should include Chapter Name, Member's full Name, Address and/or e-mail & phone number.***
  - e. ***Please indicate if the member is agreeable to receiving the newsletter via e-mail.***
9. Bill Tanger thanked Allison for her efforts with the newsletter & stated that it looks great & contains a lot of great information combined with stories from the membership.
10. Allison will be stepping down from the position of Newsletter as of Labor Day 2014.
11. WE ARE LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER TO TAKE OVER THE POSITION!!!!!!

**Webmaster:** Bob Born ([webmaster@floatfishermen.org](mailto:webmaster@floatfishermen.org)) Bob was unable attend the meeting. He is still battling his illness. We are thinking of you Bob!!!!

**Assistant Webmaster:** Scott McEwen ([asstwebmaster@floatfishermen.org](mailto:asstwebmaster@floatfishermen.org))

1. Scott & Tony are working together with Bob to renew update the Webpage. Progress will reported at the next meeting.
2. Please send any requests or inquiries to Scott or Bob.

**Conservation Chair:** Bill Tanger ([conservation@floatfishermen.org](mailto:conservation@floatfishermen.org))

1. Bill passed out a few publications for the members to browse.
2. The Chesapeake Bay Journal is a free publication with a wealth of information; you can send a request at [www.bayjournal.com](http://www.bayjournal.com). Old Dominion Sierran is a small newspaper sent out by the Sierra Club; send inquiries to [www.virginia.sierraclub.org](http://www.virginia.sierraclub.org). Nature Conservancy is a magazine; send inquiries to [www.magazine.nature.org](http://www.magazine.nature.org).
3. Water Quality from storm water run off: This is an active issue in the state of Virginia.
  - a. Every county in Virginia must pass the storm runoff quality & regulations.
  - b. Many cities & Counties are at the beginning stages of forming a storm water management program.
  - c. Personal quality control and regulation is encouraged.
  - d. Don Leeger asked if cattle discharge and access to rivers is being looked at in regards to the Storm water runoff.
  - e. Bill Tanger replied that it is not illegal to allow cattle into the rivers and streams. There are programs for funding & education available to farmers.
4. Emerging Contaminations: There are new contaminants that have come to light that were not previously tested for because they were unknown contaminants. Contaminants include: Medical chemicals and drugs that get thrown out or flushed. Arsenic in chicken feed waste seeps into the ground water.
5. River Access:
  - a. The James River Blueway: There are new access points @ Gayla & access @ Glasgow & Alpine have been improved greatly.

- b. Cushaw Project (below Balcony Falls):
  - 1. Due to the number of tickets issued to boaters by the Park Service for using the Appalachian Trail parking area. This was not intended for boaters.
  - 2. Many boaters choosing to use the "Ironman" takeout above the Appalachian Trail Parking lot are being ticketed for illegally crossing the railroad tracks. This access point is very difficult and dangerous.
  - 3. Currently the only DGIF approved Access/Landing is below the AT parking area. This parking area is small and easily filled early in the day.
  - 4. This gives us an opportunity to address the need for additional access points. Currently the plan is to acquire approval from CSX to grant access to the "Ironman" takeout. If you are interested please contact Bill Tanger.
- c. Roanoke River access: This has been a huge success. FFV was one of the donors to get this project up & running.
  - 1. There is a Pay Post at the access. The honor system is used.
  - 2. The Pay Post has taken in over \$4000.00 since it was installed.
  - 3. All money collected goes back into this access point. Is a great idea for other access points around the state.
- d. The Howardsville Landing on the James has been D-listed. It is no longer open to the public.
  - 1. The property owners on each side have become very difficult to deal with.
  - 2. There is a legal State Right of Way. Bob Peck & Bill Tanger will look into this and report back to us.
  - 3. This is a great project for all of us to come together on. In this case there may be power in numbers.

**Foundation Report: Bill Tanger**

- 1. Randy Carter Award: The Bio's were sent out to the members.
  - a. Bill Tanger made a motion to accept George Santucci for the award. Bob Peck seconded the motion. Discussion: It was mentioned that Roc Willoughby had nominated a candidate; however a bio was not available for review. It was agreed that Ralph White is an excellent Candidate for the award & he will be nominated again next year. A vote was taken & George Santucci will be awarded the Randy Carter Award.
  - b. Members are encouraged to nominate any worthy candidates for the Annual award. Please present a bio by the Labor Day meeting. The vote takes place at the Winter Meeting every year.
- 2. Property for sale: APCO has a piece of property for sale. They are not in a hurry to sell. There is not a road to the property, access via river only. Please contact Bill Tanger for more information.

**Finances Report: Bill Tanger**

- 3. Finance Committee:
  - a. Bill Tanger made a motion that we form a Finance Committee to look at our income and expenditures for FFV in 2014. Scott McEwen seconded the motion.
  - b. Discussion: Rick Mattox stated that the budget is usually mapped out at the Winter Meeting. A budget proposal for 2014 may be difficult.
  - c. Bill Tanger has budget recommendations: The recommendations will be posted with the minutes from this meeting. The plan is take our income and align it with our expenses & adjust accordingly.
  - d. The question: 'How did we spend more than we brought in this past year?' was asked.
    - 1. Simply put, we voted to spend more money last year due to the "Tax Scare" last year.
    - 2. Currently our Tax Exempt status remains the same. The issues have been resolved with the IRS. Please contact Kitty with inquiries.

3. There was also a double payment for the Kid Float this last year because the 2012 Kid Float receipts had not been turned in yet. Usually FFV pays for the lunches for the Kid Float (approx \$750).
  4. In 2013 we donated \$1000.00. We also donated more to FORVA, American White Water & American Rivers. We also paid \$700.00 each for music for Memorial Day & Labor Day weekends.
  5. We also donated \$500.00 to Kitty for Tax courses taken.
  6. **Of note: Our membership is also down; which is our main source of income.**
- e. Vote: The motion to form a Finance Committee was carried.
- f. Volunteers for the committee include: Bill Tanger, Ginnie Peck, Tony Adams, Kathleen O'Farrell & Rick Mattox.

### **Old Business: Officers for next year needed.**

1. We need a President and 1-2 Vice Presidents. Please contact Ginnie Peck or Brian Van Sand if you are interested. **\*\*Please note that Tony is willing to stay on board as President if needed.\*\***

### **New Business:**

1. A 50/50 raffle, to bring in money to help cover our events, was discussed. Ginnie Peck & Patrick O'Sullivan volunteered to run the raffle Memorial weekend.
2. The drawing will be held at the end of the meeting on after the meeting. If this goes well we will have another Labor Day Weekend.

### **Schedule & Budget for 2014:**

1. Douthat State Park: Big Back Creek Gorge April 4-6, 2014: Contact Rick Mattox
2. April 12, 2014: Scott McGowen & Corinne Mohler getting married.
3. R5 Cajun Weekend: April 25 - 27, 2014 / Rappahannock River / Tickets are \$30.00 for the weekend...TICKETS GO FAST!!! / Dinner & band Saturday night / Contact Randy Carter Chapter (Pete VanDemon)
4. Dickel Spring Fling: May 2 - 4 / Rockfish River / Kathleen & Sara Property on the Rockfish / Bring a covered dish to share for Saturday night
5. Memorial Weekend: May 25 - 26, 2014 / R5 on the Rappahannock River / Contact Pete VanDemon
  - a. Porta Johns: Budget \$800.00 / 5 Portalettes with 1 cleanout over the weekend / Pete VanDemon to order
  - b. Potluck Dinner Saturday night / Bring a covered dish to share / Might be a good idea for each chapter to organize who is bringing what within that chapter
  - c. Music: Budget \$500.00 / Bob Peck will speak to Timi Ryalls & Harry Faulkner / **FYI:** Timi & Harry are available for this event..YEY!
  - d. River Tax: Kathleen made a motion to up the River Tax to \$10.00 per person & \$20.00 per family / John Grubb seconded the motion / To be collected by each chapter & turned in after the meeting on Sunday.
  - e. Discussion included mentioning that we are cutting our budget for next year, therefore should not have to double up on the river tax. We are also implementing a Finance Committee to assess our budget.
  - f. The motion was carried with 2 votes against.
  - g. There will be a swap meet this weekend. If you have any camping or canoeing gear that you would like to purge, now is the time.

6. Kids Float: Saturday June 7, 2014 / Contact Erica Goode @ / A reminder will go out to all in early spring.
  - a. River: James from Warren Ferry to Hatten Ferry
  - b. Budget: Rick made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Kid Float / Allison seconded the motion / Motion was carried with 1 vote against.
  - c. We need volunteers to take a child down the river. If you do not have a canoe, we will find you one. Provide your own PFD & paddle / Paddles & lifejackets are provided for the kids via CP&R.
7. Mimosa Float: June 14, 2014 on the Rockfish River @ Sara & Kathleen property
  - a. Camping 6/13/14 - 6/15/14 / River tax \$5.00 - \$10.00 per person for Porta John depending on numbers.
  - b. Electrical hook-ups are available: there may be an extra fee for electric / check with Sara & Kathleen / Bring a covered dish to share for Saturday night.
8. Safety & Rescue Day: July 12, 2014 / This is a prospective event that the Dickel chapter is working on with C-ville Parks & Rec. Details about the event will be presented in the spring.
9. Labor Day Weekend: August 29 - September 1, 2014 / Solitude on the James River / contact Bill Tanger
  - a. Porta John Budget: 6 Porta Johns / \$800.00 / Bill Tanger to arrange
  - b. Potluck Dinner Saturday night / Bring a covered dish to share / Again, organization with each chapter may be helpful.
  - c. Music Budget (\$500.00): This has been tabled to the Memorial Weekend Meeting / Patrick & Bomar will inquire with a local band and report back to us.
  - d. River Tax: \$10.00 per person & \$20.00 per family / To be collected by each chapter & turned in after meeting on Sunday.
10. Wounded Warrior Float: Patrick, Ginnie, Erica & Traci are trying to organize a float for Veterans.
  - a. We are in the beginning phase and report back soon.
  - b. Tentative Date: September 13, 2014 / James River from Warren ferry to Hatten Ferry
  - c. We hope an organizational meeting in January to get the ball rolling.
  - d. The plan is to template the event after the Kid Float & partner with C-ville Parks & Rec.
11. Dickel Bash: September 26 - 28 / Location to be announced.
12. Dickel Halloween Float: Saturday October 25, 2014 / Location to be announced.
13. FFV Winter Meeting: Saturday December 6, 2014 / Location to be announced.

**Donations:** There was a discussion to pull back on donations this year. \$50.00 to American Whitewater & \$100.00 to FORVA / The finance committee will report back with suggestions.

**Adjourn the Meeting:** Ginnie made a motion to adjourn the meeting / Kitty seconded the motion / Meeting adjourned.