

FLOAT FISHERMEN OF VIRGINIA
BUSINESS MEETING
December 2, 2023
Agenda

- **Call to order:** Erica Goode
Erica called the meeting to order at 11:01

- **Secretary Report:** Loren Jacobs
Ginnie motioned to approve minutes. Motion seconded and approved.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Mitch Sims
Checking account balance: \$11,442
Two CDs: 8,640
Total: **\$20,082**

Currently looking into expenses. Year to date, we are in the red by \$880

Mitch indicated that river tax is not covering expenses for Labor Day and Memorial Day meetings. It was indicated that river tax is intended to off-set some of the cost as opposed to financing the total cost of the meetings.

Do we continue to have music?

Do we raise dues?

Looking into changing current investments.

Decision to table dues increase until next year was made in order to determine if the change in investments can cover current deficiency.

Possible investment changes

Move money from checking to money market

Shopping new CD options

Mitch will email officers with results

Aluminum Collection

\$880 has been raised so far to fund the kids float

Keep collecting those cans

Thanks to Andy and Katherine

- **Membership Report:** Ginnie Peck
Total paid memberships 141

Looking into using Zelle to allow easier dues payments and an electronic option

Setting up a Venmo and QR code for river tax to allow for bot cash and cashless options

Chapter treasurers please use and submit the official spreadsheet

- **Newsletter Report:** Gabby Safley
Gabby is not here but will hopefully continue. Thanks Gabby!
- **Webmaster Report:** Traci Martin
If you have photos or information that needs to be changed on the website email or text Traci.
- **Conservation Chair Report:** Bill Tanger
Legislative session ends in Feb

FORVA has *No Tires In the River Legislation*

Expensive landfill fees cause tires to be dumped in Virginia rivers
The bill proposes that if you sell tires in this state, you have to be willing to take them back at no cost.
Talk to your county supervisor to see if we can get the bill on the legislative agenda.

Use the following link to determine your legislator

<https://Whosmy.virginiageneralassembly.gov>

Sign up for the Bay Journal- Free online

- **FFV Foundation Report:** Bill Tanger
Allen's Creek (Amhurst Co)
Volunteers hauled away 5 tons of trash
Look out for future clean up days

Currently working on getting a plan in place to decide if the house on the property is worth rehabbing

- **Trip Schedule**

- Back Creek/Douthat State Park: 4/5 to 4/7
- Dickel Spring Fling: 4/19-4-21

- R5 Cajun Weekend: 4/26-4/28
- Memorial Weekend: 5/24 – 5/27
 - o Location: Slate
 - o Port-o-johns: (2)Ginnie
 - o Dinner: Mike McEwen will be cooking a delicious BBQ dinner.
 - o A \$10 individual and \$20 for family donation will be taken up for those eating. Feel free to bring a side
 - o Band will be determined based on budget remaining after porta potty rental
 - o Budget: \$500
- Kids Float- 6/8
- Labor Day Weekend: 8/30 – 9/2
 - o Location: Solitude
 - o Port-o-johns: 3
 - o Band: Band will be determined based on budget remaining after porta potty rental
 - o Budget: \$500
- Dickel Bash 10/11-10-13
 - o Location Slate
- Winter Meeting 12/7 11:00 am
 - Location Slate

\$100 to owners of Slate and Solitude as a courtesy for allowing us to use their property

- Old Business: N/A
- New Business: N/A
- **Adjourn:** Rick motioned to adjourn, motion accepted