



# Meeting Minutes

## Courtesy of Rick Mattox

*FLOAT FISHERMEN OF VIRGINIA*  
*MEETING*  
*September 4, 2022*  
*Minutes*

- Call to order: Erica Goode  
Erica called the meeting to order at 9:03
- Secretary Report (Approve minutes): Loren Jacobs  
Rick Mattox motioned to approve the minutes. Motion seconded and approved.
- Treasurer's Report: Mitch Sims  
The Treasurer's Report showed a beginning balance of \$12,570 (as of Memorial weekend) and an ending balance of \$12,648.  
Mitch is looking into a few Go Daddy expenses.  
Unknown dues paid worth \$300 (possibly Scotts Creek).  
Ginny motioned to accept treasures report, report was seconded and confirmed.
- Membership Report: Ginnie Peck  
139 paid members this year with more paid this weekend.  
Members need to confirm contact information for newsletter.  
Need to make sure snail mail newsletters are going out and being received.  
Membership report was accepted.
- Newsletter Report: Jaime Baird  
Jaime is finishing up and Gabby is taking over. Thank you, Jaime, for all of your hard work and thanks to Gabby for stepping up.
- Webmaster Report: Traci Martin  
If you notice anything on the website that needs to be updated, you have pictures to share, or stories send them to Traci.
- Conservation Chair Report: Bill Tanger  
Newsletters contain current projects,

There are several access projects in the works.

We are looking for Tye River access properties for sale, looking into purchasing one of the properties to control access.

Tye into the James needs a better take out at the Rucker's Run area, need to find someone to sell an acre or two for river access. Looking for a volunteer to search for land for sale along the river in this area.

Friends of the Rivers of Virginia just took out a dam in Franklin County. Concept proposal to VA legislators urging them to adopt a state law or regulation plan to address private dam safety. Recently there have been several deaths involving private dams. Potential legislation could make owners liable for deaths that occur relating to their dam. There are two main topics to be addressed. The first is a safety line across the dam in case an emergency exit is needed. This is a safety feature that is required on public dams, but not private. Second issue is to warn of the dangers of the dam via regulated signage.

Mr. Tanger proposes that FFV gets behind this legislation.

Paper mailings to legislators will require funding to the 140 VA state reps and senators.

Get the word out to FFV members to be thinking about action in the very near future.

Bill motions for FFV to support dam legislation. Motion was seconded and approved.

PFAS-water testing. This was a known problem that had been covered up for a year. PFAS are still coming down the Roanoke River.

- FFV Foundation Report: Bill Tanger

Tanger would like the Foundation to be involved in dam safety legislation.

We are still looking for potential Randy Carter Award candidates.

We are looking to purchase more access point properties.

- Old Business:  
Erica thanks everyone for the support with the kids float, 7 kids on the river after being rescheduled.

Ginnie motions that FFV covers the tab for the lunches for the re-scheduled Kids Float.

Motion seconded and approved

- New Business:  
Rick Mattox: A big thank you to Jim Dierkes for allowing us to use this property.

Thank you to James River State Park for providing us with 10 complimentary parking passes for the weekend.

Save your aluminum! \$300 in cans has been cashed in to Richmond Aluminum who is generously giving us \$1 per pound instead of \$.50 per pound

Winter meeting December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Slate where we will determine next year's trip schedule.

We would like to try to add a dedicated river clean up to the schedule.

Tanger presented an idea to ask lawmakers to eliminate the tire disposal fee so that people don't have to pay so much to get rid of tires and therefor will not dump them in rivers.

- Ginnie motions to adjourn. Motion seconded and Agreed.