



Fishing Pole Pack & Paddle

(Summer & 2023)

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Annual Dues: Due January each year

- \$20.00 per Individual or per Family (spouse & children 0-18)
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Hey FFV,

Hope everyone is having a great summer so far! Labor Day will be at Dierkes property and is sure to be a great weekend.

Kid Float was a huge success this June! Although, less kids than anticipated arrived it was a great day with laughs and good weather. Thanks to all who helped make this event possible through organizing, paddling children, and carrying supplies!

Looking forward to seeing everyone Labor Day, don't forget to bring a friend! Please reach out anytime with ideas, questions, etc.

See ya on the river,

Erica



Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2023

Provided by: Loren Jacobs

Call to order: Erica Goode

Erica called the meeting to order at 9:07

Secretary Report (Approve Minutes): Loren Jacobs

Rick Mattox motioned to approve the minutes and was accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Mitch Sims

No report. Mitch will get it out shortly. Mitch will talk to Bill about FORVA, American White Water and another need to be paid. Looking into electronic payment.

Membership Report: Ginnie Peck

67 paid members. About the same as last year and we ended up with around 100 by Labor day.

Newsletter Report: Gabby Safley

Gabby has taken over the newsletter and is doing a great job.

Webmaster Report: Traci Martin

Is doing great. Continuing with GoDaddy.

Conservation Chair Report and FFV Foundation Report: Bob Born

30th birthday of FFV Foundation. Inc. May 25, 1983. The main goal of the Foundation is river access. The latest river access property of the Foundation is Allen's Creek near Bent Creek. FFV Foundation owns half and FORVA owns half.

Tanger would like the FFV to check out the new access. Should we move the Labor Day trip to the Dierkes property.

Ginnie motioned to move Labor Day trip to Bent Creek and the Allen's Creek access. Ayes have it.

Labor Day Weekend trip will be at Dierkes Property.

Who will maintain the property of 2.5 acres?

Is there insurance on the property and the need to inquire about liability insurance.

Should we work on the conservation easement?

Should we schedule a work day?

Tanger is making a sign for the property?



Meeting Minutes Cont.

Provided by: Loren Jacobs

Kids Float Update: Saturday June 10th

30 Spots filled from Scottsville and surrounding counties

36 Volunteers hoping for around 40. Please let Erica know if you can help

Stay tuned for shuttle logistics

Reaching out to James River Runners to help with shuttles.

Volunteers might need to get there early and park in the public parking area.

Free lunch and Free T-shirts.

Katherine and Andy have started the can collection and Carter Mayers has sponsored the collection and Richmond Recycling gives \$1 a pound vs. .50 a pound. So far they have raised \$1,200.00

Erica

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Adjourned:

Ginnie motioned to adjourn and motioned was approved.



Currents & Eddies

Courtesy of Bill Tanger

Craigs Creek: fighting a lawsuit against the state of Virginia that attempts to stop navigation on the creek. Could set a statewide precedent. Have created Friends of Craigs Creek, with membership now at 160. Next court hearing Tuesday, July 11 in Craig County Courthouse.

James River - Allens Creek: new access created by FFV and FORVA. Now share ownership of a critical access to the James. No other access for 20 miles upstream. Need volunteers. ---FFV & FORVA

James River - Balcony Falls Take-out (Amherst County): FORVA is working to find a political jurisdiction willing to partner on access development. Possibly Amherst County.
--- Bill Tanger, FFV

Roanoke River - Niagara Dam Relicensing (Roanoke County): Working on recreational access issues along the river. APCo not very helpful. ----- Bill Tanger, Ro River Blueway Committee

Blackwater River (Franklin County): Improving a 6-acre access on the Blackwater River at Round Hill Road in Franklin County. Just put in a parking lot, gate and ramp. Power poles with lights, kiosk and erosion control to come. ----- Bill Tanger, Creek Freaks

Big Otter River (Bedford County): working on possible blueway access sites; Bedford County is supportive but no funds. ----- Bill Tanger & Tom Phillips

New River - Price Park (Montgomery County): Improving a 50-acre park along Stroubles Creek in Montgomery County. --- Randi Lemmon and Bill Tanger

Blackwater River (Franklin County): New access on the Blackwater River at Rt 122 under development for a parking lot and an access ramp. Need volunteers to cut and clear brush. ----- Bill Tanger; FFV: Pat & Ray Williams; Creek Freaks of Franklin County.

Roanoke River: (Salem City): Tucker Lane stormwater issue (Roanoke River). May be filing suit against City of Salem to get corrective action.

Statewide: working on a proposal for dam recreational safety study and regulations to address the continued drownings at unsafe dams. Help wanted.

Statewide: working on No Tires in the River bill to end incentives for people to throw tires in the river rather than pay landfill fees.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Tanger".



VCU, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service partner to restore migratory fish in Virginia rivers

May 18, 2023

Brian McNeill

The VCU Rice River Center will receive a \$300,000 federal award in support of a new partnership to advance conservation of the iconic and culturally significant migratory American shad and river herring fish species in Virginia Rivers.

The Virginia Shad and River Herring Research Initiative is a collaboration between the Rice Rivers Center and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

“The new partnership between [the Fish and Wildlife Service] and VCU is the most significant step in a decade toward restoration of the iconic American shad and other migratory shads and herrings to Virginia waters,” said Greg Garman, Ph.D., director of the Rice Rivers Center. “It is difficult to overstate the environmental, cultural and economic importance of these species historically. The Rice Rivers Center is excited to be a part of ‘turning the tide’ for these native fishes after over a century of declines from overfishing, pollution and habitat loss.”

Garman added that VCU is grateful for the support of the initiative by Sens. Tim Kaine and Mark Warner and Rep. Rob Wittman.

Migratory American shad, hickory shad, alewife and blueback herring once supported vital commercial and subsistence fisheries in Virginia. Beginning in the 20th century, however, a combination of overfishing, pollution, habitat loss, dams and the introduction of non-native predators diminished these once- significant fisheries.

The Fish and Wildlife Service and the Rice Rivers Center will engage with a broad consortium of -

-State agencies, tribal governments, academia and nongovernmental organizations to further explore the declines in these native fishes. Biologists also will propose conservation measures to reverse population trends and help recover these valuable and iconic native species to Virginia’s coastal rivers.

“Impact- focused collaborations like this are driving VCU’s growing reputation for research,” said Fotis Sotiropoulos, PH.D., provost and senior vice president for academic affairs. “VCU’s ranking as one of the nation’s top 50 public research universities was earned by focusing on real-world challenges like the survival of these historically – and environmentally– significant migratory fish species. We are honored to work with so many partners on this priority project of sustainability.”

The Rice Rivers Center, part of VCU Life Sciences, is located in Charles City along the James River. It supports applied research, scholarship and student training across diverse disciplines, including water resources, climate science, wildlife conservation, wetlands restoration and environmental technology/.



Migratory American shad in the James River. (Photo by Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources).



A Float Family

Photos Courtesy of our members



Fourth of July at the Slate, Courtesy of Mike Marino



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Kids Float, 2023, Courtesy of Mary Bias



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2023 FFV Event Schedule

Labor Day Weekend

Sept. 1st– 4th, 2023

Location: Dierkes Property

Directions to Dierkes Property on

Rt. 60 at the James River Bridge at Bent Creek

(This is the same location as the 2022 Labor Day Meeting)

Traveling west from Richmond: turn right as soon as you exit the bridge over the James on Route 60.

Traveling east from Route 29/Amherst/Lynchburg area on Route 60: turn left just before the bridge over the James.

The Labor Day meeting will be on the James River immediately downstream from the Route 60 bridge at Bent Creek.

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