



Fishin' Pole Pack'n Paddle Winter 2019

Greetings Fellow Paddlers,

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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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Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday season and are looking forward to a great new year.

We have a great lineup for paddling this year! The Fruitcake Float on January 1, already come and gone, but looking for input from Capt. Konrad. Back Creek /Douthat State Park is the first weekend of April. The lodge and cabins are great accommodations and this is always a good time with great water. Check with Rick Mattox or me if you are interested. April 17 - 19 is the Dickel Spring Fling on the Slate River property. We have put in a great firepit for everyone to enjoy. Also, several nice rivers to run in the area. The R5 Cajun weekend on April 24-26 is always a good time. Memorial Day weekend at R5 is sure to be a good time. We are going to have some live music on Saturday night. To end the summer, come on out to the Labor Day Float on the Slate, open mike night on Saturday evening. So tune up your instruments and voice and join the fun.

We added a copy of the Herb Coleman Scholarship Application in this Newsletter. We welcome additional applicants for this award.

Eligibility: High school or college students who are sons, daughters, grandsons or granddaughters of current members of the Float Fishermen of Virginia. Applicants should exemplify the spirit of conservation and appreciation of our free-flowing streams. Applicants should be currently enrolled or admitted to a community college or accredited four-year college or university.

I will be glad to see all the young, old and wise faces around the campfire. Please cut down the music after 3 a.m. and leash your critters. Come paddle, fish, float, swim, have a blast and preserve our rivers.

Call me anytime. (804) 244-6853.
Happy Stroking, Rock



Currents & Eddies

Courtesy of Bill Tanger

James River – Balcony Falls Take-out (Amherst County): FORVA is in the process of getting a VDOT permit for the entrance off Rt 501. VDOT has now provided a rationale for the permit and we are in the process of revising our permit application. Prospects are looking good! --- Bill Tanger, Tom Miller & Howard Kirkland

Roanoke River – Rutrough Point Access (Roanoke County): FORVA got \$45,000 in FEMA funds to repair damages done by Hurricane Michael. The wall is now twice as strong using rocks twice as big! We also planted 7 trees along the riverbank and will be putting in a fence to protect them. --- Bill Tanger, Virginia Department of Forestry

Pigg River Dam Removal (Franklin County): The Pigg River runs free, except for strainers! We just removed a 200 foot wide logjam that caused massive erosion of our boat ramp. -- Bill Tanger FFV: Mo Byrd, Duck Stanley, Ray Williams & Pat Williams

New River - Price Park (Montgomery County): The 50-acre park along Stroubles Creek in Montgomery County is open. We have another Eagle Scout project to put in a picnic table and campsite. Volunteers welcome. Now starting work on a pedestrian bridge across Stroubles Creek. --_ Randi Lemmon, Rick Roth and Bill Tanger

Roanoke River – Blueway (Roanoke County): FORVA is co-chair of the Roanoke River Blueway Committee. Roanoke is one of the few cities to have both a greenway and a blueway, and both run along the Roanoke River! Working on improved access at the Bridge Street location. --- Bill Tanger & FFV Roanoke Chapter

Big Otter River (Bedford County): We are looking at a likely purchase of a property for river access on the Big Otter River near Rt 460. FORVA made an offer on the property of \$7,500. The assessed value of the property is \$15,000. Our offer is half of the assessed value. Stay tuned. --- Tanger, Howard Kirkland; FFV: Lee Williams, Mick & Maryann Overstreet;

Tinker Creek Restoration: (Roanoke City): Major restoration project on Tinker Creek in Roanoke coming up after 40,000 fish killed in 2016 due to chemical spill. Restoration hopefully to include removal of at least one dam and possibly three. ---- Bill Tanger

Blackwater River: (Franklin County): Working on buying an acre of land at the Rt 122 crossing of the Blackwater River to provide parking for river access.

---- Bill Tanger; FFV: Pat Williams, Ray Williams; Creek Freaks of Franklin County



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Business Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2019

Minutes as scribed by Mike McEwen, translated by Rick Mattox and submitted on behalf of Secretary Loren Jacobs.

The meeting was called to order by President Tyler (Rock) Willoughby at 1:00 PM.

Secretary Report: There were no minutes submitted for the Labor Day business meeting.

Loren Jacobs has volunteered to become FFV Secretary. The membership elected her Secretary. Much thanks to Ginnie Peck for being Secretary for the past several years.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bryon Jones reported an checking account balance as of 10/31/19 of \$11,550.84. This represents an increase of \$326.88 since August 1, 2019.

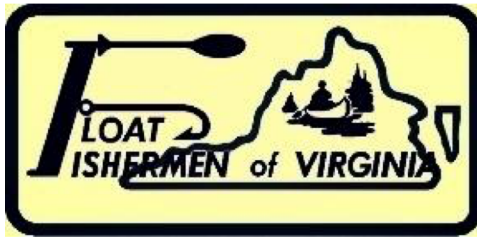
Membership Report: Membership Chair Scott McEwen reported the current membership at 157 members. This is an increase of 20 from 2018.

Newsletter Report: Newsletter Chair Vera Houghton reported that she is always looking for articles and photos to include in the newsletter. The attendees thanked Vera for doing such a great job with the newsletter.

Webmaster: Charley Safley reported for Webmaster Traci Martin. Charlie reported that there were 34,000 visits to the FFV website last year. He also reported that the FFV domains expire in July, 2020. A motion was made, seconded and passed to budget \$300 to renew the domain sites.

Conservation Chair: Conservation Chair Bill Tanger reported that the proposed new takeout for Balcony Falls is still being worked on by the various interested parties including VDOT. VDOT has helped with removing the huge log jam on the Pigg River.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to continue FFV contributions to FORVA, American White Water and American Rivers at \$100 each.



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Business Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2019

Minutes continued

FFV Foundation Report: President Bill Tanger is seeking a volunteer to take over responsibilities for the Randy Carter Award. Bill also announced that FORVA and FFVF have made an offer to purchase property on the Big Otter River in the amount of \$7,500.

2020 Trip Schedule:

Fruit Cake Float - 1/1/20; Warren Ferry to Scottsville (contact Konrad Zeller)

Back Creek/Douthat State Park – 4/3 to 4/5 (contact Rick Mattox)

Dickel Spring Fling - 4/17 to 4/19 - Slate River property: contact Ginnie Peck

R5 Cajun Weekend - April 24 to 4/26 (contact Ed Galloway)

Memorial Weekend - 5/22 to 5/25 at R5; \$500 was budgeted for live music on Saturday night (I believe \$400 was budgeted for port-o-johns)

Labor Day Weekend – 9/4 to 9/7 at the Slate River property; \$400 was budgeted for port-o-johns.

Annual Business Meeting – 12/5 at the Slate River property

FFV minutes winter 2019

***Float Fishermen of Virginia
Herb Coleman Scholarship Application***

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Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone #: _____

State name of and relationship with current FFV member: _____

Address of current FFV member: _____

Phone number of current FFV member: _____

What has been your association or experience with the FFV? _____

Name the college or university to which you are currently enrolled or have been admitted:

Please attach the following to this application:

A copy of your official college and high school transcripts

A copy of a letter of acceptance or proof of enrollment at a college or university

A personal letter from the applicant explaining why you are deserving of this scholarship award.

The personal letter should address any of the following areas:

Long range career goals

Any circumstances that may impact you or your family's ability to provide for your further education

Describe any association or experience with the Float Fishermen of Virginia

Describe community service or volunteer work in which you have been involved

Any clubs, teams and organizations in which you have participated

What do you like to do for fun, relaxation or enjoyment?

Any experience enjoying Virginia's free flowing streams

Applications must be submitted by May 1st. Scholarship recipients will be selected by Memorial Day. Funds will be awarded by August 1st. The scholarship fund(s) will be paid directly to the college or university to be attended.

Please send your application to:

Float Fishermen of Virginia Foundation

P.O. Box 1750,

Roanoke, VA 24008



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Pictures of Fun at Solitude on Labor Day
Courtesy of Bill Tanger



**KINGS OF THE
HAYBALE!!**



ROLLING AROUND THE CAMP SITE



**LABOR DAY FUN
AT SOLITUDE**

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