



Labor Day Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2023

Provided by: Loren Jacobs, Secretary

Call to Order: Erica Goode

- Erica called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM
- Thanks to Patrick Oliver for the excellent music!

Secretary report: (Approve Minutes): Loren Jacobs

- Ginnie motioned to approve minutes. Motioned seconded and approved.

Treasurers report: Mitch Simms

- \$200 in unknown fees from Godaddy- Follow up with Traci needed.
- Need to collect River Tax. \$5 a person \$10 a family.

Membership Report: Ginnie Peck

- Membership is still to be determined and the numbers are a rough estimate:
 - Roanoke approx.: 50
 - Dickels approx.: 25
 - SC approx.: 25
 - Randy Carter: Over 50

Newsletter Report: Gabby Safley

- Send pictures of trips, reports on trips, and river conservation news to be included in the newsletter

Webmaster Report: Traci Martin

- Requesting to look into Godaddy charges.

Conservation Chair Report: Bill Tanger

- Craigs Creek Battle- folder passed around. Property owners are trying to deny river passage. Could establish a terrible precedent for river access statewide. Filed amicus brief for free and open navigation and currently filing another with Botetourt on behalf of Float Fishermen.
- Allens Creek – Possible restoration of house. Decision needs to be made whether to restore the abandoned house currently on the property. Would it be possible to use the skills of several FFV members to restore house.

Conservation Chair Report: Bill Tanger

- Allens Creek Cont. –House used to have power, has well, has sewer but the condition is unknown. Deck and steps need to be torn down. Roof is not leaking. Could be used as bunkhouse or shelter from storms.

Balcony Falls Take Out:

- In the hands of Amhurst County and they are hesitant to take over. This project is connected to Allens Creek because it provides Amhurst County a blue way.

FFV Foundation Report: Bill Tanger

- Discussing the state and future of newly acquired Allens Creek property.
- There is currently an opening on the Foundation Board. Scott McEwen accepted the open position.

Old Business:

- Erica staying on for another year as president.
- Katherine- Kids float was a huge success! Collected \$1200 in cans.
- Thanks to Jackie Hall for private donations!
- Thanks to Jim Deirkes and his family for letting us camp on their property for the second year in a row.
- Thanks to James River State Park for the donation of parking vouchers.

New Business:

- Rethinking the current donation to American Rivers. Tanger proposes to move that donation to FORVA. Should we increase donations to these companies because they have not been raised? (Mitch) Tabled to winter meeting.
- **Trip schedule to be addressed at the winter meeting**

Adjourn:

- Bryon Jones motioned to adjourn. Motion was seconded and AYEED!