



## Minutes for 2013 Memorial Day Meeting

**President:** ([president@floatfishermen.org](mailto:president@floatfishermen.org)) Tony Adams opened the meeting with four points of interest. He passed out an agenda prior to starting the meeting. He would like to keep the meeting to an hour, so that we can all get on the river at a good time.

1. Current Law governing the take out @ Balcony falls. He passed around written documentation. Basically the parking area is for Appalachian Trail & day hikers. This was not meant for boaters to park. No alcohol on the premises; tickets can & will be issued.
2. Designated Drivers: As a group we need to regulate ourselves; designated drivers are always a good idea.
3. Rockfish River Dam: Ginnie Peck  
\*Recently members of the Dickel Chapter encountered the property owner of the old Mill Dam on the Rockfish River, along Rockfish River Road. He does not want anyone climbing or walking on the dam. After looking into the matter, it was revealed that he does own the dam. This means that we, as boaters, can paddle through the spill way on river left or port around on river right. The property along river right is not part of the Mill property. Trespassing includes climbing and walking on the dam. Thus far it has not been posted, therefore you could plead ignorance. Until this incident, we had been operating under the assumption that the dam was owned by the county.
4. Prospective new members: We still need to work on the best way to get prospective new members the correct contact information for joining. Current members need to contact their local chapter treasurer to pay dues.

**Secretary Report:** ([ginniepeck@gmail.com](mailto:ginniepeck@gmail.com) or [secretary@floatfishermen.org](mailto:secretary@floatfishermen.org)) Ginnie Peck  
The Secretary's Report was posted on the FFV Webpage once proofed & was in the Spring Newsletter. Ginnie made a motion to accept and approve the minutes from the last meeting. John Burton seconded the motion. There was no discussion to follow. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer Report:** ([treasurer@floatfishermen.org](mailto:treasurer@floatfishermen.org)) Katherine Waller reported in writing the following information:

- Total Ending balance as of April 30, 2013 = \$10,267.17.  
Total in CD's = \$8,524.43. Total combined balance = \$18,791.60.
- Katherine discussed the protocol for paying dues. Members and prospective members are to pay the local chapter treasurer. Chapter treasurers are to deposit State dues into the State account and send Katherine the deposit receipt with number of members paid. The chapter treasurer will then communicate with Tim Stuller ( State membership chair ) @ [treasurer@floatfishermen.org](mailto:treasurer@floatfishermen.org) . Tim reports member updates to the Newsletter editor. Chapter treasurers should also send updated lists the newsletter editor.
- Ginnie Peck made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Kitty Kimmel seconded the motion. No discussion followed. Motion was carried.

**Membership Report:** ([membership@floatfishermen.org](mailto:membership@floatfishermen.org)) No new news to report. Allison was able to send out a members list. We are still unable to view updated list on webpage.

**Newsletter Editor:** ([editor@floatfisherman.org](mailto:editor@floatfisherman.org)) Allison reported that we have gone electronic with newsletters.

- She is working with the Chapter Treasurers to get updated information for those e-mails & newsletters that are bounced back.
- Not all members have active e-mails, those who do not will be mailed a printed copy.
- Newsletters go out four times yearly. Allison plans to send out 2-3 mail chimp updates yearly, in between the newsletters. Additional mail chimps will be sent if or when needed.
- Ginnie Peck suggested that the chapter treasurer's contact e-mails be posted on the web page & in the newsletters for ease of contact & dues payment.

**Webmaster Update:** ([webmaster@floatfishermen.org](mailto:webmaster@floatfishermen.org)) **Bob born was present to give an update. It was good to see you, it has been a while!**

- Chapter webpages are still not being utilized. Bob would like help from each chapter to get them up and running.
- Trey Mattox has volunteered to help update the current State webpage with new pictures & information.
- Bob & Trey will work together to make updates & get the Chapter webpages up to speed with new information.

**Conservation Chair:** ([conservation@floatfishermen.org](mailto:conservation@floatfishermen.org)) Bill Tanger was present to give a report. He stated that he only had two quick points and would try to keep it under 15 minutes per request from the president. Bill handed out James River Day brochures.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Point: General Health of Rivers: The Bay Journal of this year reported that submerged aquatic vegetation is at an all time low. This means that the rivers dumping into the Bay are not healthy. The Bay Journal is basically a report card displaying the vegetation levels, pollution levels, wildlife & overall health of the Bay.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Point: Storm Water Runoff: This is currently one of the largest issues in the State. Every community in Virginia is putting together advisory boards to gather information & formulate a plan in regards to the Storm Runoffs. We should all familiarize ourselves with the issue. Storm water dumps into storm drains which dumps into sewer treatment centers. Large surges of storm water can cause a “blow out” & cause system failure.
- Konrad Zeller ( George Dickel Chapter ); who works for Charlottesville Rivanna Water & Sewer; stated that this has become a big issue and plans are in progress to deal with the situation. The number of severe storms this year & the amount of water that is being dumped into the systems has opened a lot of eyes. Sewer Treatment Centers are actively working on ways to decrease storm runoff into the sewer systems.
- Patrick O’Sullivan ( Scotts Creek Chapter): At the Winter Meeting we discussed taking a more active role in our commitment to Conservation. We have agreed to make each of our events a clean-up event. A great way to get our purpose out and known is to take pictures at each function or each time we get out on the river, take pictures of the trash collected from our rivers. Post the pictures on the Webpage, face book pages & report the events to the local newspapers. Patrick sent in pictures early this spring, to the Nelson County Times. A small excerpt was noted in the paper.

**Foundation Report:** ([info@FFVA.org](mailto:info@FFVA.org)) Bill Tanger; Foundation President reported the following:

- FORVA is working on several access projects.
- First access point is at Locker Landing on the James River ( Balcony Falls section). A number of changes are in process with the help of CSX Railroad. There is about a mile of river frontage with a new culvert and debris shelter. New steps need to be built. You may contact Bill Tanger for more information or to get involved directly with the project.
- Second access point is at the take out below Balcony Falls, on the James River. Currently working with CSX Railroad to gain access to the property midway down the “lake” portion of the Balcony Falls run. There is limited parking, both at the Public boat landing above the dam & at the Appalachian Trail Parking area. FYI: the Appalachian Trail Parking area is for Trail hikers, NOT BOATERS! Again, contact Bill Tanger if you would like to be actively involved in this project.
- Chesapeake Bay Watershed Public Access Plan: This plan addresses the Chesapeake Bay issues, to include Access. Bill has proposed that we purchase this report. This is a great opportunity to take advantage of Access issues and apply to the Balcony Falls access issue. A motion was made to purchase a few copies. Katherine proposed that we wait until more interest, from membership, is made apparent. Currently you may pursue the information online. The motion was withdrawn. Gaining the information online may not be easily obtained and printed.

**KID FLOAT 2013: Saturday June 22, 2013.** Erica Sims was not available to provide an update. Ginnie Peck reported:

- Volunteers still needed. Please contact Erica Sims via e-mail: [goodee@charlottesville.org](mailto:goodee@charlottesville.org)
- We expect approximately 40 kids. The cut off number is 50. We have typically had 30-35 kids. Our hope is that we will get 40-50 kids out this year.
- T-shirts, lunch, snacks & drinks are provided. Thank You FFV for the donation to provide these things.
- We will paddle from Warren Ferry to Hatton Ferry on the James River.
- Camping, here, at the Slate River Property.
- Shuttle information and times will be sent out, by Allison via mail chimp & by Erica via e-mail.
- Rain date to be determined, should the need arise.

#### **Old News:**

- Labor Day Meeting & Clean-up: Ginnie Peck reported; we will camp at Solitude for the weekend. Bill Tanger agreed that the camp would be mowed. According to the Winter Meeting minutes, Katherine Waller will arrange for porta potties.
- Tony Adams asked if we confirmed Timi & Harry for music at the Labor Day event. Ginnie Peck; will confirm with them, they have several events that week & will get back to me.
- River Tax: \$5.00 per person or \$10 per family.
- Each Chapter collects river tax & give to Katherine Waller.

#### **New Business:**

- Juanita Tanger: Why are we now having music rather than food on Saturday night? Tony Adams explained that it had been passed at the Winter Meeting.
- Ginnie Peck: We will need to come up with a new slate of officers. Volunteers are welcome. We will need a President Elect & 2 new VP's to vote in Labor Day 2014. We will discuss again at Labor Day meeting.
- Don Leeger: The State FFV bank account has grown substantially over the years. He made a motion to reduce the annual dues by \$5.00. Deb Mattox seconded the motion. No discussion followed. Rick Mattox made a motion to get rid of the river tax rather than decrease the annual dues. Tim Stuller seconded the motion. Discussion included Katherine Waller stating that she would need to look at the finances and budget over the past couple of years to see how either would impact our account. Rick then stated that we discuss the budget at the Winter meeting and should table this discussion until then. Katherine Waller agreed. Don Leeger: We should also consider charging only those who camp a river tax. Katherine stated that we do only collect river tax from those camping. Don Leeger & Rick Mattox both withdrew their motions. The discussion was tabled to the Winter Meeting.
- Bill Tanger: Due to the number of Access Issues we should consider appointing a River Access Chair to deal with them. This was tabled to the Labor Day Meeting.

**Adjourn the Meeting:** Don Leeger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kitty seconded the motion. Motion was carried with no discussion.