



FFV Summer Meeting 05/26/2019  
Minutes by: Bill Duncan

## ***Notes from the FFV meeting 26 May2019 @ Slate River Property***

President Rock called the meeting to order & thanked all who helped make the pot luck Saturday night a success.

Minutes of last meeting approved as written in last newsletter.  
Treasurer reported planning to change one CD to higher rate as soon as it matures.  
The rest of the report was approved as presented.

Membership reports 114 members/families including 3 joining @ meeting. Estimated number of adults is about 150 with spouses but does not include children. Membership has been declining each year. It is frustrating some members don't pay dues until very late in the year. If you would like a copy of the membership list email Scott McEwen.

Newsletter thanks everyone for sending in pictures and info. Please send new pics and articles 2 weeks before the first of the next month.

Conservation reports condition of bay & rivers declined a little this year. May be due to all the rain this past year.

Land & water conservation fund made permanent. Money from off shore oil must be used for conservation projects.

You can get copies of the Bay Journal at [www.bayjournal.com](http://www.bayjournal.com) or The Bay Journal, P.O. Box 222,

Jacobus, PA 17407-0222. No charge but donations accepted.

VDOT overview of bridge projects not advertised to public as well as could be.

Pig River dam removal progressing. May be done by August.

Roanoke erosion wall blown out by Hurricane Michael replacement may receive about \$40,000.00 help from FEMA.



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FFV Foundation will discuss opportunity to purchase property on Big Otter River after this meeting.

DCR has some money to get road with parking off Route 501 below Balcony Falls. Plans still moving forward. Need to get VDOT permit.

FORVA received a Silver Award from the Governor's office for Jae Valley Park project on Back Creek which runs into the Roanoke River. It was given out at "Environmental Virginia" which holds an annual environment event at VMI in Lexington.

### **Old Business:**

Reb Stewart, 1971 FFV founder from the Tidewater Chapter has been living in Florida for the past 20 years or so has been visiting in the area.

### **New Business:**

Rock County, WI has been involved in a major rescue event involving many, many organizations to rescue 4 canoeists overturned near a strainer. One of those rescued has died.

Please review and practice all safety measures while on the water. One young lady became pinned on a log during one of our paddles.

Discussed a public, open face-book page for FFV. Loren & Catherine will get a plan to present @ Labor Day Float.

Plan to show safety DVD "The Drowning Machine" @ Labor Day float.



## FFV EVENTS CALENDAR

### ***2019 Schedule of Events***

Douthat Weekend: 4/5/19 – 4/7/19  
Location: Douthat State Park  
Contact Rick Mattox for information.

Dickel Spring Fling: 4/12/19 – 4/14/19  
Location: Peck Place on the Rockfish  
Contact Ginnie Peck for information.

R5 Cajun Weekend: 4/26/19 – 4/28/19  
This is a ticket event: \$40 per person  
Contact Ed Galloway for tickets: [ewgalloway@verizon.net](mailto:ewgalloway@verizon.net)

Memorial Weekend: 5/24/19 – 5/27/19  
Meeting on Sunday at 9:00am at the campsite.  
Location: Smith River in Henry County

A scouting trip will be arranged for this Spring. A final determination will be made to use this location.

Backup plan: Slate River Property  
River tax: \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

Porta Johns:

***Rick Mattox made a motion that the budget for Porta Johns be \$500. Rock Willoughby 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.***

Porta John arrangements to be made by Bryon Jones.  
if camping in Henry County. Ginnie Peck will make arrangements if  
camping at Slate River Property.  
Slate River mowing fee: \$75

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## FFV EVENTS CALENDAR

Labor Day weekend: 8/30/19 – 9/2/19

Meeting on Sunday at 9:00am at the campsite.

Location: Solitude on the James River.

River tax: \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

Porta Johns: To be arranged by Bill Tanger with a \$400 budget.

Dickel Bash – To Be Determined

Winter Meeting: Saturday 12/7/19

Location: Slate River Property

Meeting Starts at 11:00am

Fruit Cake Float– January 1, 2020

Contact Konrad Zeller

Details TBD

Other Major Events: Bateau Festival

6/14/19 – 6/21/19

Can find information at James River Bateau Festival site online