

## **Winter Meeting Minutes: December 1, 2012 / Slate River Partner's Property**

Secretary: Ginnie M. Peck I apologize in advance for any mistakes, omissions or misinterpretations. See you on the river!

President, Tony Adams, called the meeting to order and jumped right in by thanking everyone for taking time out of their weekends to attend.

Secretary's Report: Ginnie Peck made a motion to accept the Labor Day Meeting minutes, submitted by Linda Vanluik, as printed in the Fall 2012 Fishin' Pole Pack and Paddle. The motion was seconded and carried.

Webmaster Report: Bob Born was not present for the meeting. He was unable to make the trip from North Carolina.

Discussion in regards to our current webpage:

- A recommendation was made that we redesign the webpage to a more current format for easier maneuvering and compatibility with other websites.
- Current events and updated information & pictures should be updated on a regular basis. As a reminder, we the members .need to submit new information, pictures, news, & updated event information to Bob Born.
- Events posted on Chapter Facebook pages should be sent to Bob Born, to be posted on the FFV Webpage. In addition Bob Born should be invited to join each Chapter Facebook page
- There is a restricted Member's Page and Roster on the webpage. Access to this page can be obtained through Bob born
- Chapter Webpages are accessible through the State website. Each chapter should have a designated Webmaster and should be in contact with Bob Born for access information.
- Tony has been in communication with Bob Born. The plan is to make changes slowly and create a link to & from the State Webpage & Chapter Websites to the Chapter Facebook pages & other similar sites & organizations.
- The webpage is our main hub for information, events, newsletters, bylaws, etc. Chapter Facebook pages are a great way to communicate chapter events, current news and last minute river trips.

- A proposal was made that the Newsletter Editor, Treasurer and Membership Chair should be granted access to the Webpage page to post or make changes as needed per their duties. Tony and Allison have agreed to get together with Bob Born & Tim to move forward on this.

Membership Report: Membership Chair, Tim Stuller, was unable to attend the meeting. Each Chapter is responsible to update Tim with changes in membership. Chapter representatives should contact Tim in regards to electronic format, before sending updates.

Newsletter Editor: Allison Herbert reported that many newsletters got held up in "Bulk Mail Purgatory." We are slowly moving towards electronic newsletters. This is a process that will take time. The newsletter does get posted on the Webpage and can be sent via e-mail to those that request it.

Discussion included:

Compile a list of those members willing or requesting newsletter via e-mail.

- Post the newsletter on the Webpage, as soon as it is proofed and approved.
- Post the newsletter on Chapter Facebook pages.
- Ginnie proposed the Dickel Chapter make the leap towards fully electronic newsletters next year. Allison has agreed to post the newsletter on the Dickel Facebook page. We will promote the access via the Webpage & Facebook, with our chapter members, and report back @ the Memorial Day meeting. The goal is for the Dickels to go paperless by the Summer Edition.

New Business:

1. A proposal was made that the existing FFV Webpage be updated with a new format; [www.weebly.com](http://www.weebly.com) . This program allows easy access, easy picture & video downloads, blogs, newsletters, & secure member list updates. Tony & Allison have agreed to arrange a conference call with Bob Born to discuss the possibilities & report back Memorial weekend.
2. Taxes / IRS Business
  - Kitty has a binder with ALL State, Chapter & Foundation records. Please refer to the Winter 2012 Newsletter for details.

- FFV State has always been category/status 501-C. Donations are not tax deductible.
- FFV Foundation has always been category/status 501-C3. Donations are tax deductible.
- FFV State & Chapters, with checking/savings accounts, must file every year. We must refer to ourselves as conservation group, as stated in our bylaws and mission statement. We need to file & prove every year that we are a non-profit organization.
- The FFV Foundation may need to file for a few years.
- ALL Chapters, with checking/savings accounts must file an end of the year statement with Kitty, for 2012 taxes. Kitty will file a 9-90 form to change our fiscal year to January to December rather than September to August.
- Kitty is accessible, via e-mail to answer any questions.
- Banking changes will need to be made for ALL Chapters, with checking/savings accounts. There have been changes in Federal Banking Laws.
- Each chapter should have a signature card & a Banking Resolution Document; this authorizes a person to do business in the name of the organization.
- Katherine Waller will be contacting each chapter treasurer in regards to changes. She will need to be on each chapter signature card.
- Katherine will also make sure each chapter documents & itemizes their expenses & income the same. Each chapter will need to be under the State purview.
- Chapters that do not comply with the changes will need to file separately and will not be under the State umbrella.
- It is important that we revisit our mission statement and bylaws. Our organization was established on the basis of Education, Conservation & Preservation.

Katherine Waller made motion that we donate a percentage of the money Kitty spent for training work & development in preparation for filing our taxes. The total spent on training was

\$500.00. Ginnie Peck made a motion that we reimburse the full \$500.00 to Kitty. Kathleen O'Farrell seconded the motion. No discussion following the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of reimbursing Kitty Kimmel the full amount.

3. In Memory of Donald "Riverdaddy" Sims a \$50.00 donation will be made to the Special Olympics and to Camp Hanover in his name. Riverdaddy was a lifetime member of Camp Hanover, a summer camp for youths. Before his passing he was involved in a fundraiser for the Special Olympics.
4. River Clean Ups & Events: There was much discussion in regards to reviving our yearly events by incorporating a river clean-up with each function. A proposal was made that we contact local governing bodies and communities and invite them to each of our events. Chapter events should follow suit. A suggestion was made to incorporate a clean-up into the Kid Float as well.

Ginnie Peck made a motion that every FFV function incorporate a clean-up into the event. Scott McEwen seconded the motion. No discussion followed the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Bring extra trash bags to each Float/Function!

Old Business: Coalition Against the Mining of Uranium; we have joined the coalition, which is actively seeking data to prove that the mining is safe. Tony Adams will keep us posted.

Treasurer Report / Katherine Waller reported, in writing for period of 7/31/12 – 10-31/12:

Income: \$643.00

Expenses: \$1233.50

Checking Balance ending 10/31/12: \$10,169.15

Total in CD's: \$8499.09

Total Assets: \$18,668.24

Rick Mattox made motion that we accept the Treasurer's Report. Sara Sherard seconded the motion. No discussion followed the motion. Motion was carried.

Tony Adams asked the question: "What are our funds for?"

- Answer:
1. Conservation
  2. Tangible Assets

3. Preservation
4. Legal River Issues
5. Education

Schedule of Events 2013:

1. Douthat State Park: 4/15/12 – 4/7/12 Contact Rick Mattox for details and reservation information.

2. Dickel Chapter Spring Fling & Rockfish River Clean-up: 4/19/12 – 4/21/12

Camping along Rockfish at Kathleen & Sara's property.

Contact Ginnie Peck or Kathleen O'Farrell details. Directions are on the FFV Webpage.

3. Cajun Weekend: aka Head Suckin' @ R5: 4/26/12 – 4/28/12 Tickets are \$30.00 each. Contact Pete Van Demon.

4. Appomattox River Clean-up: 5/4/12 This event was very near and dear to Bill's heart. The George Dickel Chapter has adopted a section of this river, near Bill's property at Prospect. Please join us and keep the tradition alive. Contact Ginnie Peck for details.

5. Memorial Weekend & River Clean-up: 5/24/12 – 5/27/12

Rick Mattox made a motion to have a pot luck dinner & provide a band on Saturday night, rather than the traditional FFV meal (A chapter prepares & cooks the dinner).

Katherine Waller seconded the motion. No discussion following the motion. Motion was carried.

A. Location: Slate River Property

B. Bathroom Facilities: Slate River Partner's Bathroom & Shower facilities will be open. There will be 4 additional Porta Johns, with one cleaning service over the weekend. Budget will be going rate for Porta Johns. Katherine Waller will contact Taylor's Service to rent the Porta Johns. \$150.00 donation to the Slate River Partners for the use of the facilities.

C. Pot Luck Dinner @ 6:00pm Bring a covered dish to share!

D. Music Budget: \$700.00 Ginnie Peck will arrange for music. Music to commence around 7:00pm.

- E. River Tax: \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family; to be collected by chapters. Please turn in to Katherine Waller on Sunday after the meeting. There was a brief discussion concerning the need for a river tax. Conclusion: to defer the cost of Porta Johns & Entertainment.
  - F. FFV Meeting: Sunday 5/26/12 @ 9:00am.
6. Kid Float & River Clean-Up: Saturday 6/22/12
- A. Contact: Erica Sims for details.
  - B. Location: James River
  - C. Camping Location: To be determined, will report at the Memorial Weekend Meeting.
  - D. FFV Donation: \$1000.00 to help defer cost of Bus, Vans, Lunches & Porta John @ campsite.
7. Labor Day Weekend & River Clean-Up:
- A. Location: TBA Ginnie Peck will contact Bill Tanger about the use of Solitude along the James River in Arcadia. R5 will be back up if Solitude is unavailable. Per Pete Van Demon; there may not be much water that time of year, on the Rappahannock River; however field floats & lawn chair races are always an option.
  - B. Bathroom Facilities: Katherine Waller will contact the same company we used last year. Budget for Porta Johns: going rate for six Porta Johns and 1-2 washing stations.
  - C. Pot Luck Dinner: Bring a covered Dish. Dinner @ 6:00pm.
  - D. Music: tabled until the Memorial Day Meeting.
8. Dickel Bash: TBA Will determine once the 2013 UVA Football schedule. Usually the last weekend in September or first weekend in October.
9. Winter Meeting: Saturday December 7, 2013.
- A. Slate River Property. Back up location Erica & Travis Goode's house in Scottsville or The Rockfish Property @ Kathleen & Sara's.
  - B. Time: 11:00am / Bring a covered dish to share during the meeting intermission.

2013 Dues are due by January, 31, 2013. Please contact your chapter treasurer for information.

Conservation Report: Bill Tanger was unable to attend the meeting.

2013 Donations: Allison Herbert made a motion to increase our annual donations from \$100.00 to \$200.0 to each of the organizations listed below. Kitty Kimmel seconded the motion. No discussion followed the motion. The motion was carried.

1. American White Water
2. FORVA
3. American Rivers

A donation to the James River Advisory Council has been tabled until the purpose of the council can be investigated. There is speculation as to whether the council still exists.

Rock Willoughby made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Mattox seconded the motion. No discussion followed the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.