

Winter Meeting: 12/05/2015

Minutes by: Ginnie Peck

President: Tony Adams called the meeting to order.

- Thank You to the Rucker's Run property owners.

Secretary: *Ginnie Peck made a motion that the minutes from the Labor Day 2015 Meeting be accepted as posted in the Fall 2015 newsletter. Rick Mattox seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion was carried and minutes accepted.*

Treasurer: Lisa Barbieri-O'Sullivan handed out a copy of the Treasurer's Report.

- **Treasurer's Report:** was passed out the membership.
- Current Account Balance: \$9,141.52
- Current total CD Balances: \$8,570.23
- A copy of the full report can be obtained by emailing Lisa: lbarbieri@reynolds.edu
- A new format was proposed, by the Finance Committee.
- Chapter Treasurer's are to email the amount of money deposited, into the State Account, each time a deposit is made.
- The reason for the deposit, to include the number of membership dues paid, is to be part of the email.
- *Lisa made a motion the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Ryan Bomar seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion was carried and the Treasurer's Report was accepted.*

Membership Chair: Scott McEwen stated that there were 192 paid members for the year 2015.

- **He asked that the Chapter Treasurers please use the State Membership List, which he sends to each Treasurer, be used to make changes rather than each Chapter Treasurer have their own list and format.**
- Once changes are made to the list he sends the Treasurers should send the updated version back to Scott. Any changes should be highlighted in Light blue.
- It is very difficult to combine lists and make updates when every Treasurer has their own format.

Newsletter Editor: Taylor Adams was unable to attend the meeting.

- The Newsletter is due to be mailed & electronically sent four times yearly on February 1, May 1, August 1, & November 1.
- Any submissions to the Newsletter should be made by the 15th of the preceding month: January 15, April 15, July 15, & October 15.
- Please make all submissions in PDF or Word format.
- The Newsletter is posted on the FFV Webpage prior to being mailed, each time.
- A recommendation was made to include ONLY the physical address & written directions in the Newsletter Please exclude the maps.
- Directions to each event are also posted on the FFV Webpage.
- Before directions to Private Property are posted on the Webpage, permission is obtained from the owner(s).
- Some property owners prefer that the directions are not posted or are only posted through the event date(s). In this instance the directions will be removed from the FFV Webpage.

Webmaster: Traci Martin was unable to attend the meeting.

• To post information on the FFV Webpage, please submit pictures, videos, important info, etc. to Traci: tracimartin1970@gmail.com

Finance Committee: Bill Tanger presented the Finance Committee's budget proposal for 2016.

Conservation Chair: Bill Tanger presented 2 main points of interest.

1. The Governor, of Virginia, announced his Legacy of 1,000 Treasurers. This includes River Access.
 1. This is to be accomplished during his tenure.
 2. FORVA sent a letter to the governor addressing Railroad crossing issues and the intent.

3. There are over 2 dozen Railroad Crossing points that need to be addressed.
4. The Governor has not yet responded to the inquiry.
2. Cushaw Project and Locke 14 (Above the "Iron Man Take Out").
 1. A proposal was made & approved by all parties except the Railroad; therefore was rejected.
 2. The focus is now on a proposal for the "Iron Man Take Out" to create a footbridge OVER the RR.
 3. VDOT & the Forestry Department have not approved the Picnic Site, below the "Iron Man Take Out" due to line of site for traffic turning into or pulling out of the area.
 4. The question has been raised: since the RR rejected the original tunnel proposal, does that mean there can be NO tunnels under the RR or just at that site? No response has been given yet. A tunnel would be the most cost efficient.

****ALL parties would like to see the TUNNEL Proposal passed, except for the Railroad.****

Patrick O'Sullivan discussed Dominion Power's intent to dump Coal Ash into the James River, near Bremono Bluff & into the Potomac River, near York. These rivers feed into the Chesapeake Bay.

- Dominion has applied for a permit through DEQ and is trying to get it passed ASAP.
- Bill recommended that we, as individual members, send letters out to our State Representatives and Governor.
- Contact Bill for further information regarding drafting a letter.

Conservation Challenge: Ginnie Peck is challenging every member of FFV to decrease ultimately eliminate the use of throw away water bottles and containers.

- Use coolers with a dispenser spout for drinking water.
- Reusable bottles for portable drinking water in coolers.

Randy Carter Award: Send all nominations to Bill Tanger with a brief Bio of the nominee.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS: Please contact Ginnie Peck if you are interested in becoming the FFV President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Vice President. We REALLY need a few people to step up and commit to a two year term. Each of the previously mentioned positions must be filled.

New Business:

1. **Dog Control:** Dog Control was discussed at great length. The following Guidelines are recommended:
 - First: Use your best judgment and regulate your own dog/pet. Your dog/pet should not be bothersome to others.
 - All dogs should have an appropriate and well fit collar, which does not slip off.
 - A leash should always be available.
 - If you have a dog or pet that does not play well with other dogs or people: Please do not bring the dog/pet.
 - If your dog/pet instigates a conflict, please restrain the animal for the remainder of the event & consider leaving the dog/pet at home for future events.
 - Aggressive dogs/pets and dogs/pets that continually bark should not attend FFV events.

2. Quiet Hours: The suggested cut-off for time for loud music, loud voices, loud games, etc is 11:00pm. Strongly recommended cut-off time is 1:00am. Please be respectful of your fellow campers.

Ryan Bomar made a motion that we allow \$150.00 for the purchase of new FFV Stickers. Rock Willoughby seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Presentation by Kitty and Don Leeger: Friends of Goochland Park (FOGP) started as a task force in approximately 2009 and became an official organization in 2012. The current Focus is on Tucker Park and Maidens Crossing.

- **Tucker Park is along the James River with 1200 feet of river frontage.**
- **The plans for the park include developing a canoe trail, primitive camping, and walking trails.**
- **A more detailed explanation of the presentation will follow in this newsletter.**

2016 FFV Donations: \$100.00 each

1. **FORVA**
2. **American Rivers**
3. **American Whitewater**
4. **FOGP: Tucker Park Project**

2016 FFV Schedule of Events:

1. **Douthat Weekend: April 1-3. Contact Rick Mattox for details.**
2. **Dickel Spring Fling: April 22-24. Rockfish River: contact Ginnie Peck for details or visit the Dickel Webpage on the State FFV site.**
3. **Headsuckin at R5: Rappahannock River. April 29- May 1. Contact: Frank Owens: Frank_Owens@hcpss.org You MUST purchase a ticket to attend this event.**
4. **Memorial Day Weekend: May 27-30. Rappahannock River at R5.**
 1. **Music provided by Shane: \$500.00**
 2. **Porta Johns: Budget \$625.00 or going rate (6 porta Johns with 1 cleaning)**
 3. **Ginnie Peck made a motion that the River Tax collected will be used to defer Porta John costs, should it exceed the proposed budget. Rick Mattox seconded the motion. The motion was carried.**
 4. **River Tax: \$5.00 per Person or \$10.00 per Family.**
5. **Kid Float: Date and details TBA**
6. **Labor Day Weekend: September 2-5. Slate River at the Slate River Partners' Property.**
 1. **Music: \$500.00 Timi Ryalls & Harry Faulkner (tentative). Ginnie Peck to arrange.**
 2. **Porta Johns: Budget \$500.00. (Rock W.)**
 3. **Grass cutting: \$75.00 (Rock Willoughby)**
7. **Dickel Bash: Ruckers Run / September 30 - October 2**
8. **2016 Winter Meeting: December 3 at Slate River Partners' Property**

Rick Mattox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Barnes seconded the motion. No discussion followed. Motion was carried.

President: Tony Adams adjourned the meeting.