

# Friends of Fall Creek Falls Meeting Minutes

Date	Time	Location
12/06/2009	2:00 pm	Inn Conference Room

## **Approval of Agenda:**

A motion was made to accept the agenda as written, and seconded

## **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made to accept the minutes as written, and seconded; Shawn Romano noted that her name was missing from Nominating Committee members; approval of minutes made with this one modification

## **Approval of Agenda:**

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented by Cyrus and Carla Neely

## **Old Business:**

- Recycling: The board decided to forego any efforts at this time due to cost and lack of resources to make this possible at this time
- Park Update from Stuart Carroll, Park Representative
  - Announced that Angela Connell will be leaving Fall Creek Falls; her position may be going with her but that is not yet definite
  - RTP Grant available for Bile Trail through campground
  - USDA Grant availability possible for Nature Center
  - Stuart will be inquiring about these grants

## **New Business:**

### **2009 Friends Accomplishments**

1 Year Membership to EMMA  
Friends web site redesign and current  
Donation of shelves in Nature Center  
Aerial Flyover for Hemlocks  
Corporate Sponsorship Draft  
Creation of multiple committees  
New Office Manager hired

Purchase of uniforms & rain suits for Naturalists  
130 Mountaineer Folk Festival Crafters  
Over \$2,000 raised at MFF Silent Auction  
Approval to upgrade Friends computer  
120 Friends Members  
Continue 501-C status  
New Printer Purchased  
Lawn Mower donated to Nature Center  
Successful turnout for 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends  
Raised enough funds to keep the Nature Center open

### **2010 Goals**

Increase Friends Membership  
Extend communication with the support of EMMA  
Corporate Sponsorship Packages  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Monthly or quarterly Friends newsletter  
Host 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends Conference  
Increase awareness of the Friends and their involvement with community  
Submit and learn more about volunteer hours  
Assist Fall Creek Falls State Park  
Establish Volunteer Projects: Fire Tower Restoration  
Grant for Nature Center Renovations  
Grant for Bike Trail through Campground

**Next Meeting Date:** Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10 AM; group to meet at the Nature Center for tour of Fire Tower; then lunch to be provided by park; the meeting and election of executive board to commence; Future meeting dates TBD

**Election of Board Members:** Votes were tallied by Nominating Committee; Recount performed; 2 Elected members later stepped down; Larry Hensley and Shawn Romano; 2010 Board Members were:



David Dornbusch  
 Roland Creekmore  
 Nancy Weintraub  
 Cyrus Rhode  
 Deborah Anziano  
 Ann McCormick  
 Melena Dishman  
 Scott Grissom

**Motion to adjourn was made by Name and seconded by Name**

<b>Attendees</b>		
<b>Roland Creekmore (Board Member)</b>	<b>Ann McCormick (Board Member)</b>	<b>Larry Hensley (Board Member)</b>
<b>Shawn Romano (Board Member)</b>	<b>Cyrus Rhodes (Board Member)</b>	<b>Scott Grissom (Board Member)</b>
Deborah Anziano (Member)	Donald Harris (Member)	Brian Talbert (Member)
Melena Dishman (Member)	Dave & Kate Dornbush (Members)	Brian Talbert (Member)
Cindy Price (Member)	Fran Lombardo (Member)	Sheryl Hensley (Member)
Lauren Lombardo (Member)	Harrison Lombardo (Member)	
Name (Guest)		
	<b>Carla Neely (NC Manager)</b>	<b>Stuart Carroll (Park Representative)</b>

**Next Meeting**

Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10 AM

**Action Items from Meeting:**

<b>Action Item #</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1	Notice of Next Meeting	Carla
2	2010 Current Membership for Web Site	Shawn R. / Carla
3	November 8, 2009 Minutes & December 6, 2009 Agenda to web site	Shawn R. / Carla
4	2009 Accomplishments & 2010 Goals to Web Site	Shawn R.

