

FFV Winter Meeting, 2007

President Jenny Peck called the Float Fishermen of Virginia meeting to order at Cumberland State forest on December 1, 2007. She then asked for reports.

Minutes from the Labor Day meeting were accepted as published in the *Pole Pack & Paddle*.

Newsletter

Bob Pillow distributed copies of the newsletter at the meeting for those attending. Persons who were not at the meeting will receive their newsletters in the mail.

Membership

The new membership chairman is Beth Willoby. Anyone wanting an Email copy of state membership can request one from Beth or the state treasurer, Katherine Waller

Treasurer

Katherine Waller is currently still in the process of destroying old bank records up to seven years back. She explained how dues are being collected and membership lists developed. All dues--state and local--go to local treasurers. State dues are \$20; local dues vary. State dues will be transferred from local B&B accounts to the state B&B account. Katherine asks that all local treasurers send dues information to her twice monthly. Local treasurers should send their membership lists to the Beth, the state membership chair. It is important that these lists have correct addresses, so members can receive their state newsletters.

Conservation and River Access

Bill Tanager presented several conservation issues: upcoming legislation concerning citizen advisory boards, fish kill studies, nominations for the Randy Carter award and river access initiatives.

Upcoming legislation will affect citizens' advisory boards that oversee environmental issues such as air and water. Last year, legislation was passed-- with a reenactment clause-- to eliminate or combine these boards: if passed again this year, the proposed realignment will occur. Opposed to this legislation are: a recent state Secretary of Natural Resources, a recent secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality and former Governor Baliles. A working group set up by Governor Kaine has reached no consensus, but does feel that the three boards are still necessary. Please contact your local representatives to voice your opposition to this legislation.

Recent fish kills in Virginia rivers are still being investigated. A task force has been sending surveys to fishermen on rivers that have been affected. A probable cause could be chicken litter. Currently, grant proposals are being submitted for funds to continue the studies.

Bill presented three persons as nominees for the Randy Carter Award. He distributed bio sheets for each nominee. The bio information will also be available to our membership via the website. Any additional nominees' vitae curricula can also be submitted to the website. The membership was reminded that we need to have the nominations and bio sheets by the Labor Day meeting so membership can make an informed vote at the

Winter meeting. It was moved and approved that voting on the award be delayed to the Memorial Day meeting and the award can be presented at a later date

The Foundation's 2005 / 2006 survey of members identified access issues on 24 rivers, the top concerns being the James, Back Creek in Roanoke, the Tye and Maury Rivers. The Foundation is proposing that local chapters assist in addressing some of these issues. It was suggested that each local chapter appoint one or two people to work on access issues. Bob Peck will represent the Dickels, Rick Marttox and Katherine Waller will represent Scotts Creek, Larry Born will represent the Steve Kellers, and Don Simms who lives in Richmond will also assist in contacting delegates to discuss access issues. Bill sees the Cushaw Dam on the James below Balcony Falls as a test issue; he has prepared a draft letter for presentation to state delegates as a way of putting pressure on CSX—which is balking at providing access. Bill wants to let it be known that according to Virginia Code, CSX will not be held liable for any injuries/deaths if they grant public crossings.

Website

No report

Old Business

Don Simms has copies of the FFV brochure. Let him know if you want some personalized with contact information for your local chapter.

New Business

It was moved and approved to donate \$200 to Cumberland State Forest to thank them for the use of their fine facility for the Winter Meeting.

After completing business, the membership took a break and then welcomed guest speaker and new member Wilke Nelson, Deputy Vice President of Development for American Rivers.

After Wilke's presentation, the State Calendar for 2008 was decided:
FFV State Calendar for 2008 (subject to changes, corrections)

Highland County Maple Festival 3/7/08-3/9-08

Rivers in the area

Contact Scotts Creekers who will be located at Douthat State Park, Creasy Lodge

Roanoke River Clean Up 4/5/08

Contact Roanoke Chapter for details

Head Suckin' 4/26/08

Contact Randy Carter members for tickets and details

Appomattox River Clean Up 5/3/08

Contact Jay Graves or Bill Brittin, Dickel Chapter

Rockfish River Clean Up 5/17/08
Contact Ginny and Bob Peck, Dickel Chapter

Memorial Weekend 5/23/08-5/26/08
Slate River
Campsite Slate River Property
River tax: \$5.00 per adult; \$10.00 per family
Dinner Hosts: Steve Keller/Dickel chapters
Budget for dinner; \$500.00
Porta Johns: Steve Keller
Budget: Market rate for 5 portas
Meeting 5/25/08 @9 AM

Summer Float/ Kids' Float 6/14/08
In conjunction with Charlottesville Rec Dept
James River, section to be determined
Campsite Slate River Property
River tax: \$5.00 per adult; \$10.00 per family
Dinner Hosts: Steve Kellers
Budget for dinner: \$500
Porta Johns: Steve Keller
Budget: clean out fee for those budgeted for Memorial Day

Labor Day Weekend 8/29/08-9/1/08
Maury and James Rivers
Campsite Glen Maury
Camping Fee: \$5.00 per person; contact Brian Van De Sande
Dinner: provide your own

Dickel Bash 10/4/08
Contact Dickels for tickets and details

After setting the state calendar for 2008, the meeting was then adjourned so members could begin cocktail hour in anticipation of Jim Garner's delicious fish fry.