



## New River Valley AARP Board

### Minutes/Notes

May 6, 2025

Blacksburg Recreation Center

**Attendees:** Jerry Niles, Pam Knox, Fred Piercy, John Burton, Pat Hipkins, Pat Ballard, Joy Herbert, and Jamie McReynolds.

**Co-President:** Pat Ballard called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM

**Announcements:** Pat B. announced that the new, consecutive Board and Membership meetings will take place on September 16, October 21, and November 18. Board meeting will be from 10:00-1130 and Membership meetings from 12:00-1:00 as before with a social period from 11:30-12:00.

**Agenda:** Jerry Niles moved, and Pat Hipkins seconded, that the agenda be approved as given. The motion **passed**.

**The minutes:** Jerry Niles moved, and Pat Hipkins seconded, that the minutes be approved as posted. The motion **passed**.

**Financial:** Jamie McReynolds presented the treasurer's report. Our combined checking and savings balances amount to \$15,224.31.

**Picnic:** Pat announced that Jerry had gotten the catering menu from Bottom of the Stairs and they suggested that the menu be pulled pork with a quart of chicken for folks that don't like pork. Since the cost of the meal this year will be over \$13.00 it was recommended that the price of the picnic be raised from \$10.00 to \$15.00. Jerry also remarked that, in his experience, we never eat as much food as they provide for us. He suggested that, for example, if we have 50 people sign up, we order meals for 40. No formal motion was offered but the general consensus was to accept the menu, the price, and the ordering strategy.

**Leadership development:** Pat B. announced that during the week of September 8. From 10:30-12:00 Board Members would be available to answer questions and provide information.

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Interested folks will be encouraged to sit in on a Board meeting or two. Don Creamer will be asked to “blast” the information by MailChimp once during the summer and once closer to the week of the event.

**Website update:** Pat B., Jerry and John spoke about issues with the new website. Particular issues were the Stripe pay site requirement that results in: an individual anniversary for dues rather than a calendar year date; and separate pages for Dues, Donations, and Event fees (without a fairly massive, expensive, coding effort). Another issue is how far back to go with records such as newsletters and minutes. There was general agreement that a year was enough for both. We are waiting for news on the pay site issues.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

*Committee for Charitable Giving.* The committee is still without a chair. Pat will speak with Judith Jones.

*Newsletter.* Pam Knox and Fred Piercy said that the next Newsletter will come out in August, and they asked that all content be in by mid-July.

*Social Committee.* Pat reminded the group of the Social on Thursday at Eastern Divide Brewery from 3:30-5:00.

*Programs.* Pat H. reported that she and Wendy will try to change the October presentation from the Transportation Institute to a presentation by Pat Hyer on the upcoming vote on amendments.

**Liaisons:**

*Blacksburg Community Center.* Joy Herbert reported that they were moving forward with planning for an addition (or additional building) to the existing Community Center. She asked that people log into “Let’s talk Blacksburg” and complete a brief survey on needs/wants for the new space.

*Awards.* John circulated some materials on the Andrus Award that Don had forwarded. The deadline is mid – July. John and Jerry will speak to Don about resubmitting his nomination from last year. Other nominations are welcome.

Pat H. moved and Jerry seconded that the meeting be adjourned. **Motion Passed** and Pat B. **adjourned** the meeting at 11:40.