



Lucketts Ruritan

Board of Directors: Peter Baker, Past President; Peter Gustafson, President; Jim McKenzie, Vice President; Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary; Craig Bond, Treasurer; Steve Hillebrand, Matt Quitter, Fred Nassauer: Three-year Directors

Next Meeting

April 9th
Lucketts
Community Center
7:30 P.M.

PROGRAM

Club Member Mike Runde will speak on the new Dulles Trade Center!

General Membership Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2014

Pres. Peter Gustafson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Attending: Baker, Crooks, Dee, Ferreira, Fisher, Frankenfield, Gustafson, Harden, Hart, Hillebrand, Howder, Kemp, McKenzie, Moffett, Penaranda, Quitter, Scheibelhofer, Small, Snidow, Sorrell, Hobbie (LR). **Guests:** Bob Ohneiser, Kevin O’Neill, Mark Novak.

Pres. Gustafson introduced Mark Novak, Chief Parks Planner from Loudoun County Dept. of Parks and Recreation, our speaker for this meeting, and guests Bob Ohneiser and Kevin O’Neill.

Peter Baker delivered the Invocation.

Pres. Gustafson announced that Stan Sorrell would collect any dues submitted this evening, as Treasurer Craig Bond could not be present.

Pres. Gustafson asked for approval of the February Meeting Minutes. With one correction to an email address, the minutes were approved.

Tarra Sullivan, who was assisting in the kitchen this evening, thanked the Club for our assistance, support and good wishes during the illness of her father, Buddy Moreland. *(continued on next page >)*

Compactor/Recycling Duty Schedule and Guidelines

You are responsible for your assigned date. If you cannot work on that date, you must find a replacement and switch. Please coordinate with Michele, 540 822-4360, tuckersgreen@taylorstown.net, and your partner in advance of Saturday!

- 7:45 am You and/or your partner pick up the table, chairs, donation box and traffic cones from the firehouse
- 8:00 am Be up and running at Lucketts Elementary
- 8-noon Assist resident users to expedite operations while monitoring operations and the cash box. DO NOT leave the area unattended. Enjoy yourself, but be alert. **SAFETY FIRST!**
- 12:00 pm Break down and clean up. Ray Sullivan (Buddy's son-in-law) will collect the cash from the donation the box for counting and deposit. Please make sure you and your partner clean up the area around the trash truck and the recycle bins! Return the cones, donation box, chairs and table to the firehouse.

Date	Name	Phone	e-mail	Name	Phone	e-mail
APR 12	Fauber	703-777-8491	seahorses75@aol.com	Howder	540-822-5967	tomhowdersr@gmail.com
APR 19	Bond	703-771-6007	bond00e@aol.com	Moffett	C 703-431-7159 H 703-779-2380	imoffett@mrisc.com
APR 26	Presgraves	H 703-777-1640 C 703-862-4838	ec0009@netscape.net	Theobald	703-443-8219	fttheobald@usac.org
MAY 3	Cleland	C 703-431-2880	clelandrichard@yahoo.com	Crooks	703-203-9692	davidlcrooks@gmail.com
MAY 10	Meyerhofer	703-779-2712	aj@lucketts.net	Ernst	C 571-246-3884 H 703-777-1135	deernst@earthlink.net
MAY 17	Scheibelhofer	703-443-6859	sscheibelhofer@gmail.com	Falk	C 703-431-3337 H 703-777-5027	conradfalk@lucketts.net

her appreciation for all that the Lucketts Ruritans did and continue to do to support the family. Tarra announced that there would be a memorial and celebration of Buddy's life at the Sullivan home on May 18, at 1:00 PM. All are welcome.

Program: Jay Frankenfield introduced our speaker for the evening, Mark Novak, Chief Parks Planner from Loudoun County Dept. of Parks and Recreation. Mark's topic was development of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, a 400 mile trail from Fairfax County, VA to Ohio, and one of eight scenic trails in the National Park System. He supported his remarks with a slide show, featuring photographs of various portions of the trail, including the trail along Goose Creek, previously termed the Little River Navigational Canal (part of the Harpers Ferry Canal System), along Lansdowne and Loews Island (the Elizabeth Mills Canal System), and the aqueduct of the C&O Canal below Lansdowne. Ten years ago, the trail was part of the County's Comprehensive Plan, but nothing was done to expand it. Now the trail is about 65% complete, primarily in the eastern part of the county. Development to date has been possible due to proffers from developers. Mark stated that the current focus for the next phase of development is from White's Ferry up to Point of Rocks on the Virginia side of the Potomac River. The route is designed as a walking/hiking trail, but the path is more developed on the Maryland side of the Potomac. In Northern Virginia, the trail goes through Prince William County, Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax County, and Loudoun County. The goal for Loudoun County is to expand the trail along the river, from its start at the Fairfax County line up to Harpers Ferry and the West Virginia border. Because the land west of the river and Rt. 15 is rural and agricultural, the trail would go inland when it cannot connect along the river.

Mark explained the four phases of development of the trail: 1) Seneca Falls at the Loudoun/Fairfax County border-15 miles; 2) Eight miles along Goose Creek in Loudoun County; 3) Whites Ferry to Point of Rocks-about seven miles; 4) to Harpers Ferry/Brunswick. At White's Ferry, the crossing to Maryland permits connection to Ohio. Currently, the Loudoun Parks Dept. is trying to obtain trail easements along Edwards Ferry Road.

Members of the Department attend planning meetings every year with members of the National Park Service, the Virginia Dept. of Conservation, the National Canal Association, and about 50 other planners from Maryland, Ohio, and West Virginia.

A large volunteer corps does construction and trail building along the corridor. The State of Maryland claims ownership of the Potomac River, but its tributaries and islands are owned by the Virginia Park System, some of which may be developed as "blue" (water) trails, or as "loop walks." Mark noted the attractions of various landmarks along the trail, such as dams and canal locks, civil war camps and embankments (example, Balls Bluff), an ice house site near Lansdowne, a River Creek bridge of cast stone, an old toll house over Goose Creek, and a site of an Indian fishing weir. Other attractions include the wide variety of wildlife and recreational options along the river.

Our Ruritan Club can get involved by getting the word out about the need for easements along the river for the trail, as the Park Service does not have the money to purchase easements. The gift of easements may permit some property tax relief to landowners.

Officers Reports: Stan Sorrell presented Treasurer Craig Bond's monthly financial report, and summarized the T. Rowe Price financial statement of our Club investment account which will be presented to the Board. Membership approved the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business:

Bylaws Update is ongoing.

Issue of the Club paying for a Port-a-John at Lucketts School during the winter months for use by the Ruritan trash workers: Board will recommend a solution by next fall.

New Business:

Committee Reports: Parking Committee: S. Hillebrand distributed a sheet listing the parking projects for the year, as currently scheduled.

Finance Committee: J. McKenzie explained the proposed annual \$1500 donation to Lucketts Daycare. Membership approved. Other committee reports tabled until next month.

Lovettsville Ruritan Club announced a poker run fundraiser in June for local Iraqi War veteran Rob Jones who is biking across the country. This will be addressed at the committee level and a recommendation will be presented to the Board.

Announcements and Mail:

- The Ruritan District Meeting in Marshall was rescheduled for March 17, due to inclement weather. Two members of our club will go to

accept our awards for our website and newsletter.

- The new principal of Lucketts Elementary School is Carolyn Clement
- Boy Scouts April yard sale is the last Saturday in April; collections will begin March 29th. Matt Quitter announced that a suitable storage space has been found in Lovettsville
- Lucketts School is sponsoring a printer cartridge recycling initiative
- Lucketts News & notes Archive: issues from 2000 on have been uploaded to our website

- Dick Snooks and Carl Siebentritt are convalescing at home

Steve Hillebrand took the archive photo of new member, Mary Ann Harden

Pledge of Allegiance was recited and meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda. Sec.

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Vice President Jim McKenzie, as Pres. Gustafson could not be present. Meeting was postponed from previous week.

Attending: Baker, Bond, Harden, McKenzie, Nassauer, Penaranda, Quitter, Snooks.

New Business:

Eagle Scout Randy Bowser from Troop 1910 presented his proposed Eagle Scout project to the Board for Ruritan sponsorship. Randy is in 11th grade at Tuscarora High School and will turn 18 in a few weeks. His project is to collect and properly retire American flags at a public ceremony to be held on April 19th at the Freedom Center on Taylorstown Road in Lucketts. Randy will have collection boxes in Lucketts at the Community Center and at our Saturday trash pickup, and in Ashburn, and hopes to collect about 30 flags. He explained the procedure for cutting up and burning the flags [Four corners of flag are held, Pledge of Allegiance is said, each stripe representing one of the 13 colonies is cut, shown, and burned, the field of stars is burned last, each piece is draped over the fire, burned for 20 seconds, and the next then placed on the fire]. Peter Baker made a motion to support the project, which was approved by the Board. As the Ruritans will be the sponsor for this project, no funding is required.

Board approved minutes of the March General Meeting, submitted by Secretary Penaranda.

Officers' Reports: V. P. J. McKenzie reported that he and S. Sorrell attended the District Meeting in Marshall, VA to pick up our award plaques for our newsletter and website that had been submitted by Doug Kemp. Our Club received 1st place for our website and 2nd place for our newsletter.

S. Sorrell and F. Nassauer are looking into the Junior Ruritan program and how we can establish it in the local elementary schools.

District Ruritans are sponsoring a golf tournament, and asking our club to sponsor a hole for \$50. Funds will go toward scholarships. We will bring this up to the Membership. The District is also sponsoring a raffle in November. Tickets are available for \$2 each, 3 for \$5. Dick Snooks mentioned the many activities available at the Senior Center in Leesburg. This AARP organization also sponsors a golf tournament. Discussion followed about previous fund raisers, such as a yearly beef raffle.

Treasurer Craig Bond submitted his financial report (but did not have the latest investment account documents from T. Rowe Price). Several members still have outstanding dues. He had collected mail, which included a scholarship application and associated recommendation letter, and appeals for donations from the Good Shepherd Alliance, Smartt's Middle School and Interfaith Relief, all organizations that we already sponsor. The Board felt that since we already make donations to these groups, we do not see a need to provide additional support, but we may want to bring these funding requests up to the general membership.

Mary Ann Harden presented several suggestions about the design and pricing for the memorial plaque for deceased members. She had researched online and local vendors, and determined that prices range between \$150 - \$250. Board provided input on wood type and design and asked Mary Ann to come up with a specific recommendation soon within a proposed budget of up to \$300. Preference was to go with a local vendor, such as Ketterman's in Leesburg.

P. Baker moved to approve the application of Bob Ohneiser for membership into our Club. Motion passed.

The National Ruritan President's Reception will be held on May 3rd at 6:00 PM at the Stonewall Ruritan Club in Winchester, VA.

Board noted the upcoming meeting on April 7th with Supervisor Geary Higgins about the Divas' half marathon race at Tarara Winery in mid September. We understand that the meeting may include representatives from the Sheriff's Dept., VDOT, and the HOA president of the nearby Village Green neighborhood. The Board recognized and acknowledged that there are many within our ranks that were upset about the traffic issues caused by this race last year, but there is no action needed by our club at this time. The Divas' 5K race, also in mid September, will be held at Lansdowne.

Unfinished Business:

1. Committee Chair Goals for 2014: Reminders will go out for the next Membership meeting for chairs to give brief presentations of their committee activities.
2. Morven Park Horse Trials parking debrief: tabled.

3. Scholarship Committee award presentation acknowledged to Tom Small.
4. Area Club participation in fundraiser: Lovettsville Ruritans and Lovettsville Lions are sponsoring a fundraiser for Wounded Warrior Rob Jones, who is bicycling across the country. The event will be a Poker Run (motorcycling) on June 28th. S. Sorrell will coordinate interest in this event.

Announcements:

Highway interchange improvements for Leesburg Bypass congestion: The Leesburg Board of Supervisors added \$2M in fiscal 2018 for measures to address congestion at the interchange of Battlefield Parkway and the Leesburg Bypass. Board was not sure why the BOS is targeting this intersection and not the one at White's Ferry, which is the cause of backups, but this is not a Ruritan issue.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Sec.