



# 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*

## General Membership Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2014

**Attending:** Baker, Bond, Cleland, Dunn, Fabboli, Falk, Gustafson, Harden, Hillebrand, Hobbie, Howder, Kemp, McKenzie, Meyerhofer, Moffett, Ohneiser, Penaranda, Quitter, Runde, Scheibhofer, Siebentritt, Small, Snooks, Sorrell, Wiseman.

**Guests:** Bob Carr, Charter Member, Lovettsville-Waterford Ruritan Club; Jennifer Marino, Executive Director, Boulder Crest Retreat

Pres. Gustafson called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. He welcomed all attendees and guests Robert Carr of the Lovettsville-Ruritan Club, and Ms. Jennifer Marino, Executive Director of the Boulder Crest Retreat in Bluemont, VA.

Peter Baker delivered the invocation before the meal was served. We thanked the ladies of Furnace Mountain Presbyterian Church in appreciation of their efforts to provide us with dinner at our monthly meetings.

After minutes of the July General Meeting were distributed and read, Pres. Gustafson asked for approval of the minutes. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Craig Bond presented the Treasurer's Report and Membership Dues Report for July. Receipts were \$8,165 and disbursements were \$15,970, reflecting our scholarship award disbursements and \$2229 for compactor recycling service costs. Craig noted that we will transfer \$4-5K into our operating account from our investment account, and that some members paid their dues this evening, as this month began a new quarter of the year. He also reported receipt of \$100 to the Buddy Moreland fund. The status of several members is still in question, due to moves and resignations; we will make every effort to clarify and update the National Roster to reflect our changes in membership the status of these members as soon as possible.

Pres. Gustafson asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, which was made and passed.

### Next Meeting

SEPT. 9th, 2014 • *Lucketts Community Center* • 7:30

#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**Guest Speaker:** Carolyn Clement, Principal, Lucketts Elementary School

**Membership Survey:** a brief survey form will be circulated. Those not attending will be asked to complete it via email.

### Program

Peter Baker introduced our speaker for the evening, Ms. Jennifer Marino, acting Executive Director of Boulder Crest Retreat. Jennifer grew up in Colorado, went to the U.S. Naval Academy, and served as a Marine 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. She became a helicopter pilot, and was deployed twice during Iraqi Freedom. She served as aide de camp to the Joint Chiefs of Staff; earned two Masters Degrees, and retired from active duty in 2013. She recently completed a 2500 mile bike trip to visit 90 Gold Star families. She has a strong commitment to nature and the outdoors and is pursuing opportunities for physical and mental healing of our wounded warriors through environmental activities and programs.

Jennifer distributed a brochure describing the various programs at the Boulder Crest Retreat for Wounded Warriors in Bluemont, VA. Owners Ken and Julia Falk retired and sold their company in 2010, and founded the EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) Warrior Foundation to support the EOD community (The 37-acre retreat, part of the 200-acre Falk family estate in Bluemont, is a privately funded 501-3c organization. It opened in September 2013 and now provides free respite, activities, and programs to approximately 1000 military members, veterans, and their families each year. Amenities include accommodations in four cabins for up to six people for two to seven day stays, a lodge, archery range, nature trails, playground, organic garden, bird sanctuary, and

fishing pond. Jennifer noted that the garden will be completed in October and that two horses will take up residence in the back field.

The retreat hosts structured, non-pharmaceutical therapeutic programs for couples, military caregivers and families. Programs include meditation, yoga, hiking, archery, kayaking, horseback riding, visits with therapy animals, and working the land. The organization is now moving to a program development campaign to solicit funding and to attract tour groups and visiting community groups.

Volunteer opportunities at Boulder Crest are still being developed, but ideas include assembling welcome baskets, making quilts, sponsoring community meals, cleaning cabins, holding fundraisers, assisting with gardening, creek mucking, handling parking at big events, and keeping the lodge open on weekends to relieve the regular staff. Boulder Crest plans an Open House on September 20, 2014 from 10-2 PM, when the staff will give tours and guests may view the cabins and lodge facilities.

The long term vision of Boulder Crest is to become a model for others. The owners and staff plan to develop a curriculum and training program designed to assist other groups and organizations in building facilities and opportunities to serve our nation's veterans and their families.

### **New Business:**

*VDOT Parking Certification:* Bob Carr of the Lovettsville-Waterford Ruritan Club provided VDOT Traffic Control instruction to certify club members who plan to assist with parking at the Waterford Fair in early October. This is a VDOT requirement for anyone working on public rights of way, which would be the case at Waterford; certification is good for two years. Bob led club members through the quiz questions necessary for certification. Bob was confident that our members would pass the quiz easily.

*Recognition for Jim Rocks:* Pres. Gustafson showed the members the "Ruritan for Life" certificate prepared for Jim Rocks. The certificate

will be presented to Jim to honor him for his long years of service to our club.

*Fair Preparations:* S. Hillebrand summarized the final parking arrangements for the Lucketts Fair (Aug 16-17), and announced the traditional "fellowship hour" to be held Friday night at Lawson's Field. Pres. Gustafson noted our sponsorship of the fair BBQ concession; however, a misunderstanding about who would volunteer, how the concession would be run, and how communications should be handled resulted in a few tempers flaring. It is hoped that these misunderstandings can be cleared up favorably.

*Ruritan Shirts and Hats:* Pres. Gustafson noted that the Board approved purchase of new club shirts and hats. He offered our remaining extras as giveaways to anyone who wanted them.

*Upcoming Parking Events:* St. Hillebrand summarized the upcoming parking events, which included soccer and horse trials events at Morven Park, the Diva Run at Tarara Vineyard, and the Waterford Fair.

### **Old Business:**

*Compactor/Recycling:* Pres. Gustafson again noted that we plan to order and sell recycling bins at trash, beginning in September. We are still seeking pricing for bin sizes and imprinting of our logo, and researching storage options. Pres. Gustafson also recommended that the trash schedule become a separate document from the Meeting Minutes, to be distributed to members via email and our website.

### **Announcements:**

Pres. Gustafson reminded members to pay outstanding dues. \$1479 is the dues amount collectively owed.

Pres. Gustafson noted that the Nominating Committee is being formed to develop the slate of club officers for 2015.

We all sang Happy Birthday to Carl Siebentritt, who was turning 92!

The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

*Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary*

## Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2014

**Attending:** Bond, Ferreira, Gustafson, Hillebrand, McKenzie, Nassauer, Penaranda

This month's rescheduled Board meeting was held at Pres. Gustafson's house. CTO at 7:40 PM.

Minutes from the August General Meeting had been distributed and approved by the Board earlier, except for the insertion of the next guest speaker, Carolyn Clement, Principal of Lucketts Elementary. Minutes were approved.

### Treasurer's Report:

Craig Bond presented the Treasurer's Report and Membership Dues Report for July. He noted an additional receipt of \$1173.76 from the trash/recycling effort from two weeks ago and an additional expenditure of \$1000 for use of the parking lot at the Lucketts Fair. Report approved.

### New Business:

**Parking Events:** S. Hillebrand discussed the status of our 2014 parking commitments, a total of 10 items. Items 1-5 have been invoiced; item 6-Dressage at Morven Park; item 7-Divas Run at Tarara Winery-we have 6 workers from our club and 6 committed from the Waterford club; item 8-Waterford Fair- Hillebrand will be out of town, I. Moffett will manage; item 9-WAGS tournament-tentative at present; item 10-Best Buddies Challenge, still recruiting workers.

Board discussed separating the management of our parking efforts between Morven Park events and the Lucketts Fair. S. Hillebrand announced that he will manage parking through 2015 but would like another club member to step up and work with him during the next year and then take over the parking management. Separating these two event types would lessen the coordination effort per person.

**Membership:** Board discussed the recent loss of several club members through resignations, moves, and attrition. Secretary will update the National Roster and our club roster with the changes. Board discussed how we might attract and recruit new members, and how we might increase involvement by members who are not currently very active in club activities. F. Nassauer presented a brief draft survey that asks for input from members about how to make the club more appealing and how we might motivate

members to participate more. Board approved the survey questions. As an example of the need for greater participation, the point was made that the same few people plan and organize our Annual Banquet. This has been the case for several years. The Board would like to increase member involvement in this and other club efforts but did not come to any definitive conclusions. Ideas from the membership are welcome and encouraged.

### Committees:

**Nominating Committee for Club Officers:**

Nominating committee is working on the slate for the election of officers for next year.

**Ad Hoc Fund Raising Committee:** Committee will meet this week in the first of two sessions to brainstorm fund raising ideas. We will begin selling recycling bins at trash in early October; depending on how successful these sales are, we will consider ordering more. Committee will report ideas at an upcoming meeting.

**Banquet Committee:** Encouraged to meet in October to begin planning. Former club member Bob Rodriguez, member of Dominion 4, the a capella vocal group, that performed at 2013's banquet, has been contacted about singing at our banquet again this year. We are awaiting confirmation on availability.

### Unfinished Business:

**Trash/Recycling:** M. Ferreira noted that some people who drop off trash do not pay at all or do not pay the suggested amount of \$5.00. BOD discussed adding additional signage outlining the benefits to the community of the service and how the money is used (scholarships). BOD did not want to make an issue of people who did not pay, but agreed that on-site reminders would be appropriate.

### Announcements:

1. Pres. Gustafson ordered new shirts and hats for all club members.
2. Recycling bins will be delivered to Pres. Gustafson's home on a pallet within four weeks. We will transport some or all to trash/recycling on Saturday and offer for sale. The Environmental Committee will manage sales.
3. Member Bob Ohneiser is running for Loudoun Commonwealth Attorney.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

*Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda. Sec.*