



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

October 7, 2014

Attending: Baker, Bond, Cleland, Dunn, Fabboli, Falk, Ferreira, Gustafson, Hart, Hillebrand, Hobbie, Howder, Hyland, Kemp, Kibler, McKenzie, Meyerhofer, Nassauer, Ohneiser, Penaranda, Quitter, Rocks, Runde, Small, Snooks, Sorrell

Guests: Dennis Bagnell, Rappahannock District Governor; Paul Garvin, President, Luckett's Bluegrass Foundation; and Paul Hope, Luckett's Bluegrass Foundation

Pres. Gustafson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. He welcomed guests Paul Garvin and Paul Hope of the Luckett's Bluegrass Foundation, and Dennis Bagnell, Rappahannock District Governor.

Peter Baker delivered the invocation before the meal was served. We thanked the ladies of Furnace Mountain Presbyterian Church for their much appreciated efforts to provide us with dinner.

Minutes of the September General Meeting were distributed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: C. Bond presented the Treasurer's Report and Membership Dues Report for September. Receipts were \$11,872 (\$5900 of which was revenue from parking projects, and expenses were \$4,021 (reflecting new shirts, hats, and recycle bins). Outstanding membership dues were \$1289. Pres. Gustafson asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, which was made and passed.

Program

Tom Howder introduced our speaker for the evening, Paul Garvin, President of the Luckett's Bluegrass Foundation. Paul began with a short history of bluegrass music and its origins, noting that bluegrass was originally played exclusively on acoustic instruments such as the guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, standup bass, and sometimes a dobro, which is similar to the steel guitar in country music. He explained that sometimes the dobro replaces the fiddle and sometimes it is played in addition to the fiddle.

Next Meeting

November 11th, 2014 • Luckett's Community Center • 7:30

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Guest Speaker: Su Webb will speak to us about the Jenkins Indian Artifact collection from the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum.

He also noted that bluegrass has no percussion instruments such as drums. Bluegrass music is different from country music in that the instruments are played at a very fast tempo and its innovative singing has distinct two, three, and four part harmonies. Bluegrass music is also characterized by what Paul termed "soulful singing" (also called "the other soul music"). A feature in the songs is that the focus shifts between the musicians, with one playing the melody on a specific instrument while others play the harmonies.

Paul Hope then played several demo selections from CDs he had brought. Samples included Bill Monroe and the Bluegrass Boys, a song illustrating "bluegrass country" by Fastest Grass Alive; and from a 1962 radio show, a song by Charlie Smith of the Potomac Valley Boys featuring Warren Blair as the singer. He noted that the lead vocalist in bluegrass music is usually a high tenor.

Paul Garvin then explained that bluegrass began by splitting from country music between 1939 and 1945. Earl Scruggs introduced a new banjo style which is now recognized as the standard banjo style in bluegrass music, and played with Lester Flatt on guitar. Bill Monroe also introduced the banjo into his Bluegrass Boys band at the Grand Ole Opry. Early migrants to the Eastern US moved west to the valleys and mountains of Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina, bringing their English, Irish

and Scottish ballads and Irish jigs and reels from traditions handed down through the generations. According to Paul Garvin, early songs focused on cheating, murder and mayhem, and the longing for home and the mountains they came from. In the 1930s, people moved from the Southern Appalachian mountains to northern cities such as Baltimore, Washington DC, Cincinnati, and Dayton for work. They brought their “home songs” with them and introduced them as urban music, as did Bob Paisley and his Southern Mountain Boys family band when they came to Lucketts. Since then, members of the Paisley family, representing four generations, have played here every year and continue to do so.

In the 1970s, Washington DC was seen as the bluegrass capital of America but now Nashville, TN has taken over that title. In 1974, E.J. Spence, from Sterling, VA, asked permission to use the Lucketts Community Center for a bluegrass concert; LCC has become the longest running, continuously scheduled concert venue for bluegrass in the world! A family band from Montgomery County, MD, the Johnson Mountain Boys, performed their last concert in Lucketts in 1988; this program was recorded and was nominated for a Grammy award! In 2007, the Lucketts Bluegrass Foundation was created. This foundation now runs the shows at LCC. See the foundation website at www.luckettsbluegrass.com.

Dennis Bagnell, Rappahannock District Governor from the Stonewall District in Frederick County, announced the National Ruritan Convention to be held Nov. 1 at Shenandoah University. The program will feature the Liberty Man, whose ancestors trace from the Revolutionary War. Following, the program will include Ruritan Club Officer Training, lunch, a business session, and a silent auction to benefit Ruritan Foundation scholarships.

New Business:

Recognition: Pres. Gustafson presented longtime Ruritan Club member, Jim Rocks, a plaque and certificate designating him a “Ruritan for Life.”

Parking Projects: S. Hillebrand summarized the year’s 10 parking events, noting that these brought in \$9352 for the club for the year (some of this will be split with the Waterford club and Optimist club who assisted with two parking events). Steve

still needed a few more workers for the last two events in October. He announced that he plans to retire from the parking chairmanship in 2016 and recommended that in 2016 the parking projects be divided between two or more co-chairs to spread out the work. Ian Moffett has already offered to handle the Divas Marathon and the six sport and equine events at Morven Park, with the proviso that someone volunteer with him who will handle Sundays, because as a realtor that is a busy day for him. That leaves three events, the Lucketts Fair, Waterford Fair, and Best Buddies event at Morven Park for someone else to take a leadership role. In 2015, Steve will continue as Chairman and will mentor other members who are willing to take a leadership role in 2016 for the three events mentioned above. This experience will prepare them to take over in 2016.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: T. Howder reported the slate of officers for our club’s Board for next year as follows: President-Jim McKenzie, Vice President-Doug Kemp, Secretary-Liz Penaranda, Treasurer-Craig Bond, At Large-Tom Small. Nominations were approved.

Citizenship and Patriotism Committee: Craig Bond asked for volunteers to hang bunting on Veterans Day; Fred Nassauer volunteered to help. Dick Snooks noted that he is working on the Who’s Who in Lucketts listing; he offered a nomination for our Ruritan Citizen of the Year Award.

Awards Banquet: M. Quitter announced that the dinner will be Dec. 6 at Skills USA. P. Hart will get the liquor license; Kay Quitter is working with the caterer on the menu and decorations; we need volunteers for set up and clean up. He noted we need a head count of who is coming for the caterer by the end of the month. Entertainment will be the Dominion Four quartet, but we may need a piano or other musical idea in addition.

Old Business:

LAWS Maintenance: C .Falk noted that we are at the end of the mowing season, but we need one more mowing at LAWS.

Membership Survey: F. Nassauer presented the results of the membership survey. Overall, members are satisfied with the club, with 88% answering “satisfied” or “very satisfied.” Refer to the handout (or see on our website) additional statistics and results of the survey.

Recycle Bins: So far, we have sold 40 18-gallon bins at \$20 each. Sales will continue at trash and recycling on Saturdays until all bins are sold. If there is more demand, we will order more bins.

Announcements:

1. Pres. Gustafson noted that former and charter member Sig Monroe was hospitalized at INOVA hospital. Peter Baker sent a get well card around for signatures to be sent to Sig.
2. Matt Quitter announced that the Boy Scout troop welcomed a new Eagle Scout, and that three more are scheduled to be awarded this month. The total number of new Eagle Scouts is nine for the year!
3. Matt Quitter announced that the Boy Scouts are conducting their yearly Fruit Sale. See the flyer or pick one up at trash and recycling on Saturday.
4. We received a note and a \$100 donation from Audrey Moreland thanking the club for our assistance at handling parking at their memorial event at their home for Buddy Moreland. Pres. Gustafson moved that the club do something further for the family; motion was approved.

Shirts and hats: New shirts and hats are available. We have both the perfect and imperfect versions. We encourage members to wear Ruritan shirts and hats to parking and other local events.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2014

Attending: Baker, Bond, Gustafson, Hillebrand, McKenzie, Nassauer, Penaranda, Quitter

CTO at 7:15 PM.

With some minor corrections, minutes of the October General Meeting were approved by the Board.

New Business:

Pres. Gustafson announced that club member Tom Howder was in the hospital from a mild stroke, but was improving. Several club members and friends have visited Tom, and others are encouraged to visit and to send cards, which Tom greatly appreciates. Tom is program chairman, so Peter Baker will manage obtaining a speaker for our November General Meeting.

Peter will also ask for volunteers to serve on the Membership Committee to help with putting a welcome package together for newcomers to the community. We will also open this issue up to the membership for ideas on how to identify new people, determine the cost of putting packages together, and collecting information about the Lucketts Community Center, Scouts, Ruritan website and other topics. The Membership Committee will review all ideas and present the most feasible to the Board.

Treasurer's Report:

Craig Bond presented the Treasurer's Report and Membership Dues Report for October. Trash donations were at a high of nearly \$5K, we collected all past due fees from the last Awards banquet, and sales of recycling bins have brought in \$1500, for a receipt total of \$8044.29. Disbursements were \$9701.25, reflecting expenditures for the bins and items associated with our parking projects, such as radios, ice, water and amount owed to the Waterford Club. Craig had no update on our investments, but our year-to-date position is \$159, 385 in total cash and investments. Because Craig's Excel spreadsheet showed several errors in totals, a motion was made and passed not to approve the Treasurer's Report, subject to revision.

New Business (cont.):

Pres. Gustafson noted the Ruritan Yearly Schedule for Club Officers. In October, the Secretary confirms the membership roster and sends it to the Treasurer, who then issues a check to Ruritan national for our national dues. Secretary also sends the names of new officers to the national office and orders the past president's lapel button for presentation at the December meeting. New officers should attend Club Officers Training either personally at a session on Nov. 1 or online.

Parliamentary Procedure: Pres. Gustafson suggested that we adhere more closely to parliamentary procedure in our General Meetings to maximize courtesy and minimize conflict. After discussion, Board agreed that a more formal procedure was not necessary and that club members appreciate our current friendly, informal atmosphere and camaraderie that characterize our meetings.

Ruritan Forever Designation: Pres. Gustafson suggested that our club make a donation of \$600 to Ruritan National for a plaque recognizing deceased member Buddy Moreland's perfect attendance. Board noted that our club has already acknowledged Buddy and his attendance record by hanging a plaque at LCC and that further action and expense is not needed. A suggestion was made to invite Buddy's family to become Club members.

Unfinished Business:

Final Parking Job: S. Hillebrand noted that our final parking job at Morven Park for a lacrosse tournament will require parking 600 cars. He will solicit members for two more volunteers. He also noted that the Diva run is already scheduled for Sept. 26, 2015.

We need to ensure that we retain one Porta John at the school for use during the winter at our trash and recycling program. This action has been previously approved by the Board.

Pres. Gustafson noted that we need a projector for Club use during meetings and speaker presentations. One suggestion was to share the cost with LCC. P. Baker will research this issue.

Support of Lucketts ES Community: Our delegation met with Principal Clement at Lucketts ES to determine how our club might support the ESL program and the needy in the community. We

learned that gift cards, supplies, and food donations would be welcome, and that funding is needed. Since the county has cancelled summer school in Loudoun for the coming summer, we could also initiate or support a program at the school for several hours a day, five days a week for tutoring and programs to enable students to retain learning and incentivize them to read and keep up their skills. One idea was that our club solicit donations of school supplies at our annual banquet and present these to Ms. Clement in December. M. Quitter also noted that the Scouts will repaint the United States map on the school parking lot as an Eagle project.

Recycle Bin Sales: We need volunteers to manage bin sales at trash and recycling on Saturdays. We have 140 bins left to sell. A suggestion was made to put up a sign advertising the bins and to solicit ideas from the membership on how to increase sales.

Awards Banquet: M. Quitter reported that preparations are on track for our annual banquet to be held Dec. 6 at Skills USA. Invitations will go out to the membership, the ladies of the church who provide meals at our meetings, the three Regional Ruritan Officers, Geary Higgins, Hillary Cooley of LCC, Buddy Moreland's family members, representatives of the Boy Scout troop, and the spouses of deceased members. We anticipate about 70 attendees. Dominion 4 is the entertainment; the group will arrive after the dinner and ceremonies to sing. P. Baker's wife, Sandy, has generously offered to provide a piano and play during the cocktail hour.

Announcements:

1. Pres. Gustafson noted that Mid Atlantic Builders will build homes on the large tract of land that abuts the Lucketts ES. He will email a plat of the planned housing layout to Board members.
2. Mike Runde has offered information on our community's emergency preparedness procedures to enhance "community resilience." He will make available a white paper discussing how communities can prepare for emergencies.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda. Sec.