



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

November 11, 2014

Attending: Baker, Cleland, Dee, Gustafson, Hart, Hillebrand, Hobbie, Kemp, McKenzie, Meyerhofer, Nassauer, Penaranda, Quitter, Siebentritt, Small, Snooks, Wiseman

Guests: Bill Hagen, Hilary Cooley, Chris Lynch, Su Webb

Pres. Gustafson called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. He welcomed guests Bill Hagen-Past President, Hilary Cooley-Director, LCC, new neighbor Chris Lynch, and Su Webb-President, Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum, our speaker. As it was Veterans Day, Pres. Gustafson asked all veterans present to stand and be acknowledged.

Pres. Gustafson reported that member Tom Howder was out of the hospital and recovering at Potomac Falls Health and Rehab Center in Sterling, VA. He passed around a get-well card for members to sign.

Minutes of the October General and Board Meetings were distributed and approved.

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.

Program

Pres. Gustafson introduced our speaker for the evening, Su Webb, President of the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum, located at Claude Moore Park. Her topic was the late Mr. Jenkins' Native American artifact collection, which was recently donated to the museum. Su has also been a long-serving member of the LCC Board. Su noted that the museum was built on public land; at one point, the museum was given to the County, which had decided to close it, so the museum Board took it over and now runs it and preserves its artifacts.

The Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum is becoming known outside Loudoun County. Museum staff have served as consultants to the Chinese and Korean governments, hosting visits of representatives from those countries (and others)

Next Meeting

December 6th, 2014 • Skills U.S.A. •
6:00 Cocktail Hour • 7:00 Dinner

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Annual Holiday Banquet: Sandy Baker will play the piano during the cocktail hour. Dominion Four will sing after dinner.

and advising on how to open and operate a farm museum.

The Jenkins family first offered the collection to the County, which turned it down. They then offered it to the museum, who signed a legal agreement with them to take ownership of the 7,000 piece collection, and to preserve and document the provenance of every piece. The collection is comprised primarily of arrowheads and hammerstones, and a few bones, which have turned out to be ancient and human. The museum staff hope to send the bones for DNA testing to determine whether they are from local Native American tribes known to have passed through this area seasonally, or whether they washed down the Potomac River from the north. Su noted that we know of Indian paths through Sugarland and along Rte. 9 to the Carolinas. She also noted that a quarry at Point of Rocks may have been used by local tribes. Mr. Jenkins collected the artifacts from Mason and Jenkins Islands in the Potomac River (the islands are owned by the state of Maryland), and on the river shorelines. The family also provided an oral history from Mr. Jenkins about the collection, which needs to be edited. The museum has received a \$25K grant to be used for cleaning the collection and setting up an exhibit for teaching purposes, but it remains a challenge to identify every piece.

Su is working with Hilary Cooley of LCC to construct a wall hanging or display of some of the artifacts that could be designed as a permanent

loan to the LCC. Some pieces of the Jenkins collection have been displayed at the Lucketts Fair, which could be an appropriate venue for presenting a permanent display to the community. Additional estimated funding of \$5K would be needed for this project, to be used for hand cleaning and mounting artifacts for display.

Mr. Jenkins was born near Ashburn, and the Jenkins family cemetery is in the Broadlands area. In the 1900s, the family bought land near Countryside from an African American woman who had settled and farmed there. Su noted that an old silo still stands nearby. Jenkins eventually came to Lucketts and lived on one of the islands in the Potomac River, owned by Maryland; however, he sent his children to school in Lucketts. The family had several children and fostered many others.

Mr. Jenkins recently passed away, but Su is seeking photographs of him to accompany the oral history the museum will eventually make available. Su hopes the museum will become a popular educational facility for schools and Scout groups, not possible previously because of a lack of security cameras in the building. Now that security has been upgraded, the museum is ready for more publicity and more visitors.

Treasurer's Report: Since C. Bond was out of town at the time of this meeting, members were referred to the Treasurer's report handout sheet. Pres. Gustafson asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, which was made and passed.

New Business:

Assistance to Lucketts Elementary School: Pres. Gustafson noted that 25% of the students at LES were ESL students; about 75 children are in need of food, school supplies, and winter clothing. We discussed short, medium, and long term initiatives that our Club could sponsor or directly manage to assist this population of students in our community. F. Nassauer has a list of supplies needed by both children and teachers, and we considered the suggestion of a donation box at our awards banquet where attendees could drop supplies or money. Rich Cleland volunteered to manage and organize this initiative. Several members will meet with Principal Clement to determine the best way to proceed.

Committee Reports:

Funding Sources Committee: This committee held two meetings to determine ways to generate revenue, noting potential threats to our current revenue generation, such as a possible rescinding of our landfill waiver. The committee determined that our options are: 1) to raise the donation amount collected at trash and recycling on Saturdays; 2) to operate trash and recycling as a break-even service; or 3) to stop the service. The committee determined that we do not have a viable replacement project for the trash service, as this generates most of our donation budget and offers a needed service to the community as well as an environmental advantage.

Another point made was that our club's 5013c status might be used to generate donations, such as legacy or school donations, but this limits use of funds if they are designated only for schools. The committee also discussed fundraising tasks or opportunities for club members who cannot or do not assist with trash or parking projects. Focus was on the need to find projects to generate funds, such as a community picnic, barn dance, bonfire, raffle, cow pie bingo, close-in parking at the Lucketts Fair, selling slogan T shirts, or soliciting business sponsorships for ads on our website. We could also partner with the school PTO on fundraising projects.

Since summer school has been put on hold by the County, another suggestion was for our Club to help the school with tutoring or funding teachers to provide summer instruction.

Membership Committee: Working on welcome packages for newcomers to our community.

Parking Committee: S. Hillebrand summarized the 11 parking events we handled this year. Income from parking was \$9835. Ian Moffett will take over Morven Park and Divas events in 2015 but we still need a partner to handle Sunday events and fairs. By 2016, we may structure this task to be managed by 2-3 co-chairmen.

Old Business:

Awards Banquet: M. Quitter announced that plans are underway for our dinner on Dec. 6 at Skills USA. He encouraged everyone to RSVP as soon as possible so he can finalize the head count for the caterer by the end of the month. We have already received acceptances from several guests, such as Larry Blount-National Director, and

Dennis Bagnell-District Governor, and Stanley Dixon-Lt. District Governor.

Membership Survey: Referred to committee. Pres. Gustafson noted that if Club members would like more say about the Club and our activities, or want to be more involved in decision-making, they should attend a BOD meeting!

Recycle Bins: So far, we have sold 86 18-gallon bins at \$20 each, for a total of \$1720. Sales will continue at trash and recycling on Saturdays until all bins are sold. We now have a sign to encourage sales.

Announcements:

1. Thank you to Fred Nassauer for taking over the Veterans' Day decorations at LCC and on road signage in Craig Bond's absence. Also thank you to Fred for managing the Membership Survey so well and compiling the results.

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

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary

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Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2014

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

CTO at 7:35 PM.

Minutes of the October General Meeting were approved by the Board with two minor corrections.

Pres. Gustafson reported that club member Tom Howder is still in rehab recovering from his stroke. Peter will talk to Tom's wife, Pat, about his current status and report back to the club.

Treasurer's Report:

C. Bond presented the treasurer's report. Receipts totaled \$8670.92; disbursements \$7085.95 for a positive cash flow of \$1584.97. Disbursements covered the trash compactor, monthly meal, banquet caterer, national dues, newsletter mailing, and miscellaneous expenses at parking events. A motion to separate the income from the Divas' Run event as a separate line item passed. Craig also reported that the balance for membership dues owed is now down to \$611. The Board discussed raising the fee for the annual Awards Banquet to \$20, to be paid in January with the first quarter's dues. The BOD approved this change and the Treasurer's reports for last month and this month.

New Business:

Website: We will pay Wordpress for software support of our website, including new security features, which will be \$29 per month. Total monthly bill for website management going forward will be \$438.

Board Transition: J. McKenzie will take over the Presidency of the club in December at our Awards Banquet. An early item to address will be our Committees and their structure and management.

Budget for 2014 Contributions: These disbursements are managed by the Finance Committee, which will meet Dec. 2 and present a recommendation to the Board. We show our donations budget at the Awards Banquet in December and pay out at the end of the year. Because of the need at Lucketts Elementary

School and LCC, the Board approved an additional \$1500 to be given to LLC, for a total of \$3000 for the year, and \$1000 each to Lucketts Elementary School and the school PTO/PTA.

F. Nassauer reported that the needs of the school include \$5100 for class supplies. Principal, C. Clement told us that 57 children need winter coats and shoes, for an estimated total of \$2565 (\$30/coat; \$15/shoes). J. McKenzie moved that we meet the emergency needs of the school by donating an additional \$3000 for coats and shoes—motion passed. The committee will investigate buying the items at Costco or Walmart at a discount.

The Board discussed fundraising ideas to further support the school, which included partnering with the PTA to hold a summer picnic and supporting summer school sessions.

Thanksgiving trash collection: BOD did not think we needed an extra container on this weekend. We will confirm with Hillary Cooley at LCC about keeping one Porta John during the winter for use by our volunteers at trash collection on Saturdays.

Unfinished Business:

Awards Banquet Recognitions: The plaques for Citizen of the Year and Ruritan of the Year are at Ketterman's jewelers for engraving. We will give special recognition to Ian Moffett and Darrell Ernst for their assistance during the year with parking events. Recognitions in the form of pins from Ruritan National will be given for perfect attendance at club meetings during 2014 and to our new club officers. The Board also voted to recognize Skills USA for their generosity to our club in providing venues for our banquet, picnic, and meetings.

Banquet Entertainment Compensation: We will pay Dominion Four \$400 for entertainment at our Awards Banquet.

Recycle Bin Sales: We are selling a few bins each Saturday at trash collection, but we need storage room for the unsold bins. L. Penaranda and P. Gustafson offered storage space.

Announcements:

There will be a gingerbread house contest and treelighting at LCC in December. See flyer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda. Sec.
