



Lucketts Ruritan

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

General Membership Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2015

Attending: Baker, Bond, Dee, Fabboli, Falk, Fisher, Hart, Hillebrand, Kemp, McKenzie, Meyerhofer, Moffett, Nassauer, Ohneiser, Penaranda, Quitter, Siebentritt, Small, Snooks, Sorrell, Wiseman

Guests: Sheryl Williams, .

Pres. McKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. He welcomed guests Sheryl Williams, COO, Westmoreland Davis Memorial Fund, Morven Park, our speaker for the evening; and Graham Overman, Ruritan Zone 6 Governor.

Pres. McKenzie asked for approval of the March General Meeting minutes. Motion was made and passed to approve the minutes with two minor corrections.

P. Baker said the invocation before the meal was served. After the meal, we thanked the ladies of Furnace Mountain church for preparing it.

Treasurer's Report: C. Bond presented the Treasurer's Report, noting that receipts exceeded disbursements by \$1,894.67; total receipts were \$4,236.12; disbursements were \$2,341.45. Our total cash and investments are \$165,010.55. He noted that dues and banquet fees still outstanding may decrease some now that a new quarter of the year has begun when members typically pay up. A motion was made and passed to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Words from Zone 6 Governor Graham

Overman: G. Overman, from the Hamilton Club, announced several upcoming events. These included a golf tournament on April 27th; Ruritan Founders Day on May 15th, and Founders Fellowship weekend in September. He encouraged attendance at any of these events by anyone interested. Graham also sought ideas for joint projects with the Lovettsville and Hamilton clubs, and with other clubs in Zone 6. He suggested a joint leadership meeting with other clubs to discuss ideas. B. Ohneiser asked whether other clubs conducted any large scale projects; Graham said that our trash collection and recycling is the largest. Other clubs do smaller initiatives.

Next Meeting

May 12th, 2015 • Lucketts Community Center •
7:30 P.M.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Program: A meet and greet with LES PTA guests who have signed up to assist us with parking at the Antiques Fair and other events. This is a chance to get acquainted, to familiarize LES parents with our club.

Program

Our speaker for the evening, Sheryl Williams, from the Morven Park Westmoreland Davis Foundation, thanked us for our significant help with parking at Morven Park events over the years. This thousand acre park was founded by a previous governor of Virginia and opened in 1967. All of the park's land is registered with the Virginia Outdoors Foundation in easement, designated as open space.

Gen. Westmoreland's focus was on teaching ethics, civics, sustained agriculture, and about life in Virginia. The Foundation has taught civics to 30,000 middle school children and currently manages citizenship projects for 8th graders; the plan is to expand this program soon. In the area of agriculture, two incubator projects are in place—one to grow garlic and one to grow rye, to be used by Catocin distillery. Westmoreland also raised 40,000 turkeys on the property; two years ago, the Foundation contacted the National Turkey Federation and succeeded acquiring the pardoned White House Turkeys after Thanksgiving. The first turkeys were Popcorn and Caramel; the most recent new turkey residents to Morven Park are Mac and Cheese from 2014, who join the current resident turkey, Franklin.

Equestrian events are also a big draw at Morven Park. These events include the International Horse Trials in the spring and fall, carriage driving, and

dressage. Morven Park hosts 35 equestrian events a year.

Athletic fields are also available at Morven Park. Fields are available for flag football, ultimate Frisbee, rugby, lacrosse, and soccer.

A six-year, \$6M historic preservation/restoration of the mansion and grounds at Morven Park was completed in 2011. Restoration projects included a geothermal system within the mansion and additional trails to the existing trail system. In addition, for the past 18 months, staff have worked with Loudoun County to obtain permits to build a better cross site road between the equine and mansion sides of the park. Because the outdoor riding arenas for the equine center are affected by the limestone overlay issues, some shifting in the upgrade plan was required. The steeplechase track is still there, but the fencing has been removed, so no racing is occurring now.

The Westmoreland Foundation is a 501-3c non profit organization. The Marguerite Davis Trust pays half of the annual \$3M budget, so the rest must be earned from equine and corporate events, weddings, and mansion tours. Ms. Williams encouraged our club members to spread the word about the attractions at Morven Park and to go to the website and sign up for the newsletter, which will keep subscribers current on what is happening throughout the year. The Foundation also sends out three large postcards per year to advertise events.

New Business:

Scholarships: T. small reported we are on course with the Point of Rocks (POR) Club in the process for evaluating scholarship applications. Tom met at Tuscarora Mill High School with 11 students who are interested in applying for scholarships. The deadline is May 1 for us to receive applications, which will then be passed to POR for evaluation. The POR club will get back to us in about three weeks, the Scholarship Committee will meet to make final decisions on awardees, and will then present our recommendations to the Board. When S. Sorrell and J. McKenzie met with POR, they presented the Board's suggestion to pay POR a minimum of \$250 for evaluating the applications, or \$20 per evaluation, whichever is higher. D. Snooks made a motion to accept this plan; motion was passed.

T. Small reported that the awards ceremony for scholarships and Student Citizen of the Year is June 3 at Tuscarora High School and June 10 at Smarts Mill Middle School. B. Ohneiser volunteered to give out the awards.

Power Outage Issue: Pres. McKenzie asked for input from the members about how we may want to handle future occurrences of power outages, if these affect the ability to serve the meal at our meetings at LCC. The membership had no concerns about this, as most felt the probability of reoccurrence was so slim that we did not need any contingency plan.

Lucketts Fair: D. Snooks spoke to our vendor for the BBQ concession; all is on track.

Donation: In response to a solicitation by Ruritan National, we will give \$30 to support the Annual Ruritan President's Reception.

Old Business:

Lucketts Elementary School: F. Nassauer reported that a second meeting with the LES PTA was productive. So far, six children are interested in a Ruri-Youth club; our club will be the sponsor and PTA POC Naomi Hattaway will oversee their meetings, which will be held from 2:30 to 3:30 PM after school. We need 16 participants to receive a charter, which would require no dues and enable us to be in charge of our own club.

F. Nassauer reported that the LES PTA is interested in participating in fund raising projects with our club, but we all need to do a better job of identifying needs that would direct fundraising ideas. PTA members were enthusiastic about assisting us with parking at the upcoming Antiques Fair; S. Hillebrand has a sign-up sheet. We will have equal numbers of parkers from our club and the PTA, so half of the proceeds will go to the PTA. Steve suggested that we invite the PTA to our next general meeting as a meet and greet and to discuss the Antiques Fair parking event and other topics as appropriate. We need to get a headcount of PTA guests who plan to attend so that the ladies of the church can prepare sufficient food for the dinner meal.

We are now on the Loudoun County website as a school partner and are included in the partnership handbook.

S. Hillebrand provided an update on our coats distribution effort to needy children at LES. In

February, Principal Clement identified six new children who needed shoes. Cheryl Hillebrand provided what was needed to these recipients. Further a new group, Ladies of Lucketts, has set up a Lucketts Love Fund, which will contribute funds to help the school with this kind of intermittent need (shoes, coats, gloves, field trips). PTA POC Naomi Hattaway will manage a coat drive to recycle coats among needy LES children.

Parking Projects: S. Hillebrand reported that we now have 11 parking projects for the year, down three, due to cancellations. However, these 11 will double our gross income for the year and result in a net equal or higher than last year, due to our disbursements to other clubs and LES PTA members who will assist us with the parking efforts. B. Ohneiser asked whether high school teenagers would be allowed or able to assist with parking. We will look into this as a way for them to meet their community service and citizenship requirements. Bob knows the principal at Tuscarora High School and will ask.

Membership: P. Baker reported that he has at least two interested potential new members to our club. He reminded club members of the challenge to bring two

Miscellaneous: C. Falk noted that our mowing assistance at the LAWS house can only be done on weekdays when a staff member is present. He will check the status of the mower this week in preparation for our mowing efforts there this year.

Announcements and Mail:

1. M. Quitter reminded us that collections for the Boy Scout yard sale are ongoing. The sale will be Saturday, April 25th at LCC..
2. C. Siebentritt reported that T. Howder is recovering well and continues to make good progress. He can now speak, and he has resumed going to the gym. He still has some mobility issues.
3. C. Bond will take a pool table if anyone has one they want to get rid of.

Mail consisted of a donation for a recycle bin, but the person did not want/take a bin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2015

Attending: C. Bond, P. Bond, Gustafson, Kemp, McKenzie, Nassauer, Penaranda, Quitter, Small

Pres. Jim McKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M.

Review of Minutes: The Board approved the April General Meeting minutes with one minor correction.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Bond reported on the status of her preparation of our tax return; information requirements include a list of current officers and the hours worked per week, a list of scholarship recipients, and other miscellaneous data. She noted that the \$800 we dispersed for Student Citizenship Awards are not part of the scholarship category, and that this amount exceeds the amount allowed in the separate Miscellaneous category on the return. The Board agreed to show this amount as a separate category. Pat also noted that Schedule A has more pages than last year, a result of changes to our investment policy and how we show the disbursement of our funds. The Board recommended that she ask Peter Baker for advice on how to correctly note specific items on the return regarding our investments.

C. Bond presented the interim Treasurer's Report. Receipts were \$5153.34; disbursements \$2891.99; receipts exceeded disbursements by \$2261.35. We received \$1200 for parking at the Diva race which we shared with the Lovettsville/Waterford club and the Leesburg Optimist Club, who assisted. Cash and investments totaled \$167,271.90. The amount of outstanding Membership Dues and banquet fees still owed is \$1178. The interim Treasurer's Report was approved by the Board.

New Business:

Support of Lucketts Community: F. Nassauer reported that LES liaisons for fund raising projects are Marjon Clark and Naomi Hattaway. We received an email from principal C. Clement about current school needs. Clement reported that summer school is now fully funded. N. Hattaway asked us to stand down on all previously identified

needs until the PTA representatives can meet with principal Clement to agree on what projects our club can assist with. She noted that the PTA bylaws specify that fundraising projects must benefit the whole school rather than individuals and that those who are not parents of children in the school may be restricted in the type of direct involvement permitted (i.e., reading help may not be allowed, but fundraising may be fine.)

The Board discussed options for our annual picnic, which included our club's traditional Ruritan social function traditionally held in June vs. our new idea of a more inclusive community picnic, vs. Principal Clement's idea of a joint school/Ruritan/community picnic to be held the week before school starts. The Board agreed to discuss these ideas at our May General Meeting with our LES PTA guests. Pres. McKenzie recommended that our guideline might be to assist the school with parking for their events and to support school projects rather than spearheading any particular efforts. Motion was made and passed that we take the lead on parking and the PTA take the lead on their picnic.

Ruritan Picnic: Board discussed options for venues for our traditional picnic, typically held on the second Saturday in June. Possible locations include Temple Hall (where we could serve beer and wine), Skills USA, LCC (where we could not serve beer and wine). F. Nassauer, P. Hart, P. Gustafson, and D. Kemp will research locations and report back to the Board and membership.

Discounted Ruritan Club Memberships: The Board discussed offering a discounted membership for couples or family members, where the second person would only be charged the amount of the national dues and not the full club dues. P. Gustafson suggested that we review the National and Club Ruritan bylaws to determine membership requirements, but we may want to consider amending our own by-laws to allow this option. J. McKenzie moved that we discount a second membership for married/cohabiting/family members, charging only \$44 to cover the dues to National and absorbing the meal cost for these members.

Old Business:

Scholarships: T. Small met with 11 students from Tuscarora High School; applications are due May 1, but we will add a few days to a deadline of May

5. Application packages will be submitted to POR, who will return them by May 25th. Our committee will meet to make final selections, will notify recipients and present the awards at the school ceremony on June 3rd. T. Small asked that we count on our website the number of visits and hits on scholarship applications and downloads of the .pdf application form.

Citizenship Awards: T. Small will get the names of recipients from the schools; F. Nassauer has the plaques for engraving the names and will need the names three weeks before the awards ceremony; P. Gustafson will send the certificates to the printer.

Board discussed our previous practice of inviting awards recipients and their families to our July General meeting to acknowledge and honor them. We noted that attendance has typically been sparse and that families are often not available in mid summer. The Board moved and passed a motion not to have an awards July dinner meeting with awardees. We will invite POR to the awards ceremony and our picnic to thank them for their help in evaluating the applications.

Parking Jobs: We will investigate the feasibility of allowing community corrections program participants to support our parking efforts. We will also determine whether high school students might assist with parking to meet their community service goals. S. Hillebrand will reach out to determine whether these volunteer sources are possible.

Membership Drive: P. Gustafson reiterated that we need to keep up the effort to recruit new members. All BOD members should make it a priority at our monthly meetings to talk up the club and encourage members to bring in new people.

Recycling Containers: We sold six more recycling bins.

Announcements:

1. P. Gustafson has several copies of the booklets listing all organizations who are school partners.
2. Loudoun County wanted to know how many people who use our trash and recycling service actually recycled; P. Gustafson announced that our count showed that 164 of 203 customers recycled on the last Saturday.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary