



Lucketts Ruritan

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General Membership Meeting Minutes-Mar. 8, 2016

Attending: Adams, Baker, Cleland, Falk, Ferreira, Fisher, Hart, Hattaway, Hillebrand, Kemp, McKenzie, Menendez, Meyerhofer, Moffett, Penaranda, Quitter, Snooks, Sorrell

Guest: Pat Logan, from Selma Estates, Diana Sherman, Courtney and Sheryl and Michelle from Lucketts Girl Scout troops

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

Program

The program speakers for the evening were the leaders of the various levels of Girl Scouts in Lucketts, representing Daisy, Brownie, Cadet and Scout. Diana Sherman, the troop leader/organizer for the 5th and 6th grade levels, and Michelle, leader of the older middle school age group, spoke about the activities of the Girl Scouts in Lucketts. The Lucketts troop has 54 girls. The program encourages girls to try many things, to develop skills, and do what they enjoy. Cadet scouts Taylor Byrne and Kelly Duncan, 7th grade, discussed their community library project, where they distributed boxes of books (at Faith Like a Mustard Seed Farm and other local businesses) as a resource for people to borrow and leave books free. The scouts also focused on selling cookies to raise money for a trip to Tennessee, where they would hike in Great Smoky Mountain park to earn badges. For this trip, the girls worked on budgets, make phone reservations, and made all plans.

Emma Sherman, 5th grade, discussed the Bronze Award project, on which they worked for two years. This award is the highest level award at the grade school level. This group worked on the Mobile Hope project, where they assembled 150 toiletry bags and volunteered at the Mobile Hope facility in Leesburg.

The Scouts thanked our club for our donations, which enabled trips to the Maryland Science Center, where they stayed overnight in the exhibit; to the Spy Museum, where they received identify badges and took fingerprints and photos; and to the National Aquarium.

Next Meeting

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

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Program: Our speaker will be Doug Fabboli who will talk about farming and agricultural education designed to help new farmers.

The Daisy scouts earn “petals” through their activities, which included taking Valentines to a nursing home and planting small plants in pots to give to an organization in the community. This group also participated in Project Elf during the winter holidays, where they adopted a family of nine and provided gifts to all family members. The girls were able to provide a laptop for the father, and clothes, coats, shoes, and toys (a bike, headphones) for the children.

The middle schooler scouts helped the Daisies make corn husk dolls, collected snacks for the Backpack Coalition, and made hospital bags for Loudoun Hospital’s Children’s Unit and the ER. They also participated in the holiday parade in Leesburg, carrying a banner decorated with all of their handprints.

The scout leaders emphasized that the point of scout activities is to explore many options while learning new skills, making friends, and having fun. The girls work hard to manifest the Girl Scout promise and follow the scout laws.

Pres. McKenzie asked that corrections to the minutes be sent directly to the Secretary.

We thanked the ladies of Furnace Mountain Church for preparing the dinner served to us this evening.

Treasurer’s Report: Vice President Kemp presented the report, as Treas. Bond could not be present. Receipts were \$5,046.50; disbursements were \$4360.63, for a net income of \$685.87. Our bank balance is \$7,139.96; total investments are \$144,606.13, for a total current assets amount of \$151,350.09. The Membership Dues balance owed

for the quarter was \$404.00. Treas. Bond will remove the names of individuals who are now lifetime honorary members from the membership dues owed list. The Treasurer's report was approved.

New Business:

2016 Budget/Donation Plan: D. Kemp presented the budget and donation plan for this year, noting the minor changes that were approved by the Board in the February Board meeting. These included increasing our donation to the Point of Rocks Club for scholarship application evaluations and adding donations to the FOP for First Responder needs, to Ruritan National for Operation We Care, and to LES PTA and LES for parking partnership, if they participate this year. Due to the closing of Faith Chapel, we will donate the \$500 previously allocated to this church to the Bridle Paths Therapeutic Riding organization. S. Sorrell noted that we agreed to sponsor the Rudi Jr. Club at LES; we will cover their first year expenses and dues to Ruritan National (included in the donation plan). One other note was to possibly use Miscellaneous funds to cover the cost of building a case for the arrowhead collection to be exhibited at LCC. Both the budget and donation plans were approved.

Membership: P. Baker reported that the sub-committee met to discuss the Open House we will host to encourage community participation in club activities and to network with other local groups and service organizations. The date for this event is not yet set, but it will probably be in May or June. A motion to go forward with these plans was approved.

LES Boundary Changes: N. Hattaway reported the current initiative by the School Board to change the boundaries of Loudoun County school districts by making zoning adjustments. Proposed changes would require children living below Spinks Ferry Rd. to attend Frances Hazel Reid Elementary School instead of Lucketts Elementary. This change would affect 14 children. She pointed out that a total LES enrollment of fewer than 300 children may result in diminishment of resources, such as a full-time principal, and would reduce arts and library staff to half time. If the school enrolls more than 300 children for at least one month, resources would be restored. Three School Board members visited LES, but have made no recommendations to date. The next public hearing

was scheduled for March 14th, with a vote to be taken on March 28th. A total of 11 proposed plan changes are being considered. Hattaway reported that Eric DeKenipp, our School Board member, was working to keep LES unchanged, but she encouraged club members to attend the hearing and to speak up on this issue.

Parking: I. Moffett reported that he met with the Hamilton Club Board to establish the parking partnership that has been under discussion. We are encouraging all four clubs in our zone to join and to participate in parking events. So far, all clubs have shown interest. Moffett noted that four events in the current schedule, such as the Lucketts Fair and Epicurience, are reserved for our club, but we will reach out to the other clubs as necessary and will assist other clubs with their efforts, as needed. He also noted that the parking partnership will bill for time spent attending meetings and for planning time, in addition to the actual parking hours.

Old Business:

Arrowhead Collection: J. Adams will attend a meeting at the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum in Sterling to view the Victor Jenkins arrowhead collection and to discuss how the surplus items can be brought to Lucketts for display at the LCC. Ray Wagner came to LCC to measure available space for the case that will be required to display the arrowheads.

Committee Assignments: No new information. Pres. McKenzie encouraged club members to review the assignments for 2016.

Announcements:

Member D. Wiseman has put his house on the market, in preparation to move from the area.

We received Thank You notes from three recipients of our 2015 donations.

On March 10, VDOT will hold an open house to discuss changes at business Rt. 15 and the Edwards Ferry/Fort Evans interchanges

The trash schedule can always be found on our website at: <http://luckettsruritan.org/for-members>, then click on the "Compactor/Recycling Assignments" link.

Pledge of allegiance was said and meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

February 23rd, 2016

Attending: Bond, Falk, Kemp, McKenzie, Moffett, Nassauer, Penaranda, Quitter.

Pres. McKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Review of Minutes: The Board approved the draft March General Meeting minutes with a few minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer C. Bond provided the March financial reports, now shown in the new cost accounting Quickbooks format as a profit and loss statement. Receipts were \$4,439.07, disbursements were \$3,565.45, for a net income of \$873.62. Total investment assets were \$152,251.25; checking account showed \$8,145.58. The balanced owed for membership dues was \$291.00. Board voted to waive banquet fees for Matt and Kay Quitter, our Lucketts Citizen of the Year, as we have done for past honorees and their guests. The Board also approved buying L brackets for a pull down screen to use for computer display of the budget at our meetings. The BOD approved the Treasurer's Report.

New Business:

Lucketts Antique Fair: I. Moffett reported that he and P. Baker met about our parking duties for this fair on May 21-22, and that all is on track. Another meeting is scheduled soon with the LES PTA to discuss their participation. Because we are planning shorter shifts of 2-3 hours this year, Moffett and Baker will coordinate with the school to recruit more helpers. F. Nassauer will also meet with the PTA and Principal Clement to discuss our partnership for 2016. To make sure we staff this and other events appropriately, the Board discussed using an Internet software sign up and event management program called SignUpGenius. This program supports five administrators, which means five clubs could participate and manage and schedule events. D. Kemp moved that we buy this tool for a year to try it out. Cost is \$120 a year, \$9.95 a month. The Board approved this action.

J. McKenzie reported that he attended the Loudoun County School Partnership breakfast to learn more about how organizations can partner with the school system.

Unfinished Business:

Membership Committee-Open House: We discussed holding an Open House where community members could meet club members and learn about Ruritan Club activities. We need to advertise this well in advance, so the Board agreed that we should plan this event for the fall, since the spring and summer schedule is filling up.

Arrowhead Collection for Community Center: On April 11th, a meeting is scheduled to go see the collection at the Loudoun Farm Museum. We need to determine how many items we might receive, the condition of the items, how many to display, and how to best display them. The museum has requested additional money to set up the display, but the Board agreed that we need more information about potential costs.

2016 Scholarship Applications: C. Bond reported that he picked up two scholarship applications in the mail, which he will forward to T. Small.

Investment Mix: D. Kemp reported that P. Baker and S. Sorrell assessed our club's current investment mix and concluded that we are still not on target with our plan (plan target was 60% equities, but we are still at 70%). The Finance Committee approved the recommendation to move funds from equities to bonds. The committee submitted three recommendations: 1) move dividends from all three of our stock funds that currently reinvest in the fund to our money market fund rather than reinvesting them; 2) Move our floating rate fund to the municipal bond fund, which is more stable; and 3) move \$6K from the cash/money market fund to the municipal bond fund. The Board approved these changes.

Program for Next Meeting: Ideas included an update on the Vanish brewery, an update on the Rudi Youth Club, or a talk by LES Principal Clement or a representative of Odyssey of the Mind.

Announcements:

1. C. Falk will prime the lawn mower for the mowing season for the LAWS house.
2. Instead of a June picnic, we will consider a social event at Vanish or Barnhouse Brewery.

Pledge of allegiance was said and meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary