



Lucketts Ruritan

Board of Directors: Peter Gustafson, Past President; Jim McKenzie, President; Doug Kemp, Vice President; Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary; Craig Bond, Treasurer; Fred Nassauer. Conrad Falk, Tom Small: Three-year Directors

General Membership Meeting Minutes- April 12, 2016

Attending: Adams, Baker, Bond, Cleland, Fabboli, Falk, Ferreira, Fisher, Gustafson, Hart, Hillebrand, Kemp, McKenzie, Meyerhofer,, Meyerhofer, Moffett, Penaranda, Quitter, Small, Sorrell, Wiseman

Guests: Ava and Todd Walter, Pat Logue

Pres. McKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and welcomed our guests.

We thanked the ladies of Furnace Mountain Church for preparing and serving the meal.

Pres. McKenzie asked for any corrections to the minutes, previously distributed. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: C. Bond reported that he had received the check for \$1350 to the club from our Lucketts Fair concession from last August. He then presented the profit and loss, balance sheet, and member dues reports for the month of March. Receipts were \$4,568.70; disbursements were \$3,565.45 for a net income of \$1,003.25. Checking account balance was \$8,145.64; investment account: \$150,499.49. Current dues owed is \$924.00. Treasurer's Report was approved.

New Business:

New Member: P. Baker submitted a membership application form for potential new member, Pat Logue. Pat comes from New Jersey, lives in Selma Estates, and is interested in community service. The club unanimously approved Pat as the newest member of our club. Welcome Pat!

Membership Committee: P. Baker reported on the planning progress for the proposed Community Open House. The committee has yet to finalize a fall date and a venue, but the plan is a picnic format. We will invite all our partnership groups, the goal being to socialize, exchange ideas, inform the community about club activities, and seek new club members. We will advertise this event at trash and in *Lucketts News & Notes*.

Summer Picnic: Pres. McKenzie noted that instead of holding our usual June picnic on the first Saturday in June, we might go to Vanish brewery

Next Meeting

May 10th, 2015 • 7:30 P.M.
Lucketts Community Center

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Program: Our program for this meeting will be an Awards ceremony.

for a social event. P. Gustafson will coordinate with Vanish and report back at our May meeting.

C. Falk passed around a schedule for mowing at LAWS and will send an email to members for additional signups.

Program

Member Doug Fabboli was our program speaker. He described a new farming and agriculture education initiative to develop new farmers to work the land in the 21st century. This program dovetails with that of the Economic Development Program of Loudoun County, led by Kelly Boles. Program leaders have developed nine strategies to maximize rural farming development, marketing, and assistance to new farmers, and to provide new opportunities for landowners. A new Loudoun Made/Loudoun Grown logo can be seen on the web. The group is developing a plan for a year-round farmers market at the new Loudoun metro station—this began as a peer-to-peer effort but has expanded within the mentor/protégé program.

The program is focusing on bringing young people—some college students and some Latinos—to work with established crews on local farms who will teach the students specific farm jobs and a solid work ethic. Local farmer Tyler Wegmeyer, who grows pumpkins and strawberries, has already committed to build an agricultural workforce to fill seasonal labor needs and to develop leaders for the future. The program will focus on three players—workers, mentors, and the Piedmont Epicurean Agricultural Center (PEAC). Workers are those who want to work outdoors and learn farming skills; mentors are those already working every day in the field, in tasting rooms, or as hops growers, for example; and the non-profit PEAC who will serve as program administrator and facilitator, partnering with the Loudoun Extension Service led by Jim

Hilleary, who has already trained some of the mentors and has put together an agricultural clearinghouse to find a hands-on workforce. The program will teach agricultural trades, networking, and what work is available in Loudoun, the goal being to develop a core model that can be applied in other areas.

Challenges involve managing preferences for certain farms and having only three months in the summer to work, although leaders will try to get some of the workers back in the fall for harvest time. Step 1 will offer employment and guidance and inform students about what they can learn; step 2 will involve evening events; and step 3 will incorporate larger project programs (at larger farms or to handle a one-time need). This year is a beta test; the program has 10-12 new workers who will work with the agricultural subcommittee and have the opportunity to grow to be a captain and work up to greater responsibility.

Fabbioli asked our club to consider becoming a funding partner. The goal is to grow the program in other areas. He compared this program to that of the Boy Scouts' Explorer Program, where participants learn various work segments, such as horticulture or tractor repair. Program leaders also plan to go before the Board of Supervisors and the Rural Agricultural Development Council for financial support, eventually establishing scholarship programs to support the new workers.

Current focus is on rural economic development by incentivizing potential mentors (such as John Whitmore), considering a pay structure for the workers, formalizing the program structure to consider administrative and safety issues, and providing opportunities for entrepreneurship so that land in Loudoun can be successfully used for income, not houses.

Old Business:

Rudy Youth Club: S. Sorrell reported that the Rudy Youth Club at LES now has 18 members from the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. They have submitted their charter application to Ruritan National and are planning the charter ceremony. N. Hattaway, as LES PTA President is serving as advisor to the Rudy Youth Club and working with S. Sorrell from our club to lead the club. The club has already established a "library box" at the school where children can "give one/take one," which has been very successful so far.

Guest Ava Walter: Ava and Todd Walter have recently moved to Glynn Tarra. They have a daughter at LES and a son at LCC. Ava, a former teacher, is working with Principal Clement at LES to recruit volunteer mentors to help children who are second language learners. She noted that the teachers are overworked and cannot always give students the individual time and attention they may need. Accordingly, she asked club members, as members of our local community, to consider being volunteer role models for at risk children. Volunteer mentors would spend 45 minutes, once a week, to sit with a child during the lunch hour to talk to them and offer friendship and any assistance they may need. She is hoping to recruit 15-30 volunteers who will commit to the rest of this school year and next school year.

Arrowhead Collection: J. Adams and S. Hillebrand met with Sue Webb, the curator at the Loudoun Farm Museum where the arrowhead collection is currently housed. They saw samples of the collection that would be on loan to us for display at the LCC. The museum stated that they will prepare the items for display for a price, as yet not negotiated. S. Hillebrand reported that Ray Wagner will build an appropriate cabinet for the expected 50 arrowheads and several tools. He will provide a cost estimate for our next meeting.

Scholarships: T. Small reported that April 8th was the closing date for applications. He has received three complete applications, five with missing sections, and four recommendation letters with no associated application (although he noted that he had just received mail collected from the PO box that likely held the missing paperwork). He expected 11-12 applications by next week, which he will send to the POR club for evaluation. We will get their recommendations by the end of May. Our scholarship budget is \$13K again this year.

Parking: I. Moffett reported that we have completed two events at Morven Park. We have a total of 19 events this year, so far. Next event is the Antiques Fair on May 20-22. He has set up SignUpGenius for signing up online for parking.

Announcements:

1. The north parking lot adjacent to the firehouse (Lawson Field) has been sold to the County. G. Higgins is working on permission for us to use the lot for parking for the Antiques Fair. We plan to involve the Optimist Club, and the Hamilton and Waterford/Lovettsville Ruritan clubs to help with

- parking, as needed. We will use SignUpGenius for all groups to use to sign up for parking shifts.
2. We received a thank-you note from the First Presbyterian Church for our contribution to Chet Martin.
3. Furnace Mountain Church is celebrating their 100th anniversary this year.
4. Faith Chapel is now closed; Capital Presbytery will assume responsibility for the property.
5. This Saturday, April 16th, is the last Saturday the Scouts will collect items for the Boy Scout yard sale, to be held the last weekend in April.

6. Three Eagle Scout projects are ongoing at LCC. Projects involve putting in new garden beds and painting the sheds.

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 9:20 PM.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

April 26th, 2016

Attending: Adams, Bond, Falk, Gustafson, Hillebrand, Kemp, McKenzie, Moffett, Nassauer, Penaranda, Quitter, Sorrell.

Guest: Deena Engle, LCC Manager

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

Pres. McKenzie introduced Deena Engle, manager at LCC, who asked to speak to the Ruritan Board about helping to fund a pollinator garden at LCC. This 6 ft. by 44 ft. garden, designed to attract monarch butterflies and other pollinators, was started with a grant, which involved putting together plans and educational demonstrations with the application that would teach children about the importance of pollinators. However, as implementation of the garden got underway, it became apparent that the grant funds would not be enough to finish the project. The projected shortfall was \$620. LCC used some of the available funding for the services of Julie at Watermark Woods and recruited local volunteers and members of the community to donate time and materials. LCC is grateful for the assistance of the Boy Scouts, who built the garden bed; T.W. Perry, who donated materials; and a parent who donated six butterfly bushes. The children planted all the flowers.

Because of the funding shortfall, LCC asked the Ruritan Club Board if we would donate half of this amount (\$310). After some discussion, during which S. Sorrell noted that the Rudy Junior club at LES might get involved to help sustain and maintain this important nature project, perhaps working with the LES PTA and obtaining some funding from its Service Community Fund, the Board voted to approve this request to donate \$310.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer C. Bond provided the April financial profit and loss statement reports. He noted that we finally received the check for \$1,350 from the proceeds from our BBQ concession at last year's Lucketts Fair. Receipts were \$6,520.44; disbursements were \$3,626.45,

which included payment of our quarterly Ruritan National dues, for a net income of \$2,893.99. Total investment assets were \$162,285.12; checking account showed a little over \$10K. The balance owed for membership dues was \$903.00. D. Snooks or P. Hart (Sgt. at Arms) will call those owing dues and encourage them to pay in advance for each quarter. The BOD approved the Treasurer's Report.

New Business:

Lucketts Antiques Fair: I. Moffett reported that he has set up the web signup capability for parking for this event using SignUpGenius. N. Hattaway, president of LES PTA, will also use SignUpGenius for PTA members to sign up for parking shifts. Ian agreed to show SignUpGenius as a demo at our next General meeting to show members how it works. We will also ask T. Meyerhofer to put a link to SignUpGenius on our Ruritan Club website. S. Hillebrand will meet with Suzanne Eblen about Fair logistics and parking issues. The Antiques Fair will be held May 20-22.

June Picnic: P. Gustafson reported that he discussed with Vanish Brewery owner, J. Staples and manager, Leanne, about holding our June picnic there. They said that we could use an outside area, under cover, two kegs of beer provided, but no food and no outside wine (due to ABC laws), for \$200/hour, four hours for \$800. Board discussed various other potential venues and associated costs and restrictions, finally concluding that Skills USA is the cheapest (no fee charged for using the facility) and easiest. M. Quitter, our POC to Skills USA, will finalize our agreement with them for June 4th, and P. Gustafson, P. Hart, and F. Nassauer will organize entertainment, food, and drinks.

New Member: The membership voted to approve Pat Logue as our newest member. Welcome, Pat!

Unfinished Business:

Arrowhead Collection for Community Center: S. Hillebrand reported on the meeting that he and J. Adams had with Sue Webb of the Loudoun Farm Museum about the 50 arrowheads and eight stone tools we are to receive for display at the LCC. He showed photos of the collection featuring the items we are to receive and the design of the proposed display case to be built by Ray Wagner. He reported that the museum would charge us \$1500 to clean and prepare the items for display; additional expense would be for the design and build of the case. The Board thought these costs

excessive and questioned whether some of the grant money received by the museum for the original museum display could be used for preparing the collection for the LCC display. Hillebrand suggested that this money has probably already been spent. The Board decided to conduct further research and to take more time to consider and negotiate options. There is no rush to set this up; we have plenty of time to decide how we may want to proceed.

2016 Scholarship Applications: Pres. McKenzie reported that scholarship applications are at POR for evaluation by their Ruritan club members. We should get their recommendations by the end of May.

Miscellaneous: S. Sorrell reported that the Rudy Youth club will conduct and manage the coat drive for 2016. He asked our club to cover the cost for needed coats not collected as a result of the drive, recommending a commitment of \$500 for this purpose. Board approved this amount for the coat drive. This amount will be in addition to the funds we give to the school earned from parking at the Lucketts Antique Fair.

Programs for Upcoming Meetings: Ideas for speakers for upcoming meetings include 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: None.

Pledge of allegiance was said and meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary