



# Lucketts Ruritan

Board of Directors: Jim McKenzie, President; Conrad Falk, Vice President; Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary; Craig Bond, Treasurer; Tom Small, Rich Cleland, Al Menendez, Pat Logue, Directors

## General Membership Meeting Minutes- June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Attending:** Cleland, Ernst, Falk, Ferreira, Hart, Hobbie, Hillebrand, Kemp, Kron, Logue, McKenzie, Menendez, Meyerhofer, Penaranda, Small, Snooks, Stanley

**Guests: Gary Mears, Jeff Judge, Ludlow Clark**  
CTO by Pres. Mckenzie at 7:30 PM.

This monthly meeting was held on the third Tuesday of the month because of primary elections held on the second Tuesday at the Community Center. Pres. McKenzie welcomed our guest speaker, Jeff Judge of Eagletree Cafe and Winery, and guests. Following a blessing, Pres. McKenzie noted that the Furnace Mountain Church women were back and had prepared our dinner meal.

### Program:

Pres. Mckenzie introduced Jeff Judge, of Eagletree Cafe and Winery. Jeff and his wife have lived on a small farm in Lucketts for 25 years, growing blueberries (2.5 acres) and wine grapes (7 acres) for 17 years. He sells the grapes to local wineries and offers a pick-your-own blueberry experience. He noted that this year is an especially good year for blueberries, due to the recent rains and his use of composted manure on every bush! He got his first blueberry bushes from a relative's farm in Reston, and these have done extremely well here in Lucketts. Jeff ran a restaurant in Old Town McLean on Dominion Drive for 40 years, but joked that because of its proximity to the nearby CIA installation, he had to keep a relatively low profile.

Jeff was trained in classic French cuisine but ran an Irish pub with is first restaurant venture. He has cooked in other restaurants to learn new equipment and techniques. He closed the McLean restaurant two years ago and built his winery building here in Lucketts, where he plans to open another 40 seat cafe-style restaurant featuring local seasonal produce and seafood and French and Southern cuisines. (He noted that he will offer some animals "not usually used for protein!") The major hurdle is working with Loudoun County to establish a commercial kitchen in an agricultural

### Next Meeting

July 22nd, 2017 5:00 P.M.  
Skills, USA

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**Program:** The July meeting will be our joint picnic with other local Ruritan clubs at Skills, USA. Food, games and music! Fun for all! Bring a potential Ruritan club member!

area, but he plans to open both the winery tasting room within three months and the cafe within six months. His new restaurant will be open four evenings a week and the winery all day. The winery and tasting room will feature pizza from an in-house pizza oven and soups and salads. Eagletree Cafe and Winery is located on Harrison Hill Rd. off of Limestone School Rd. and Hibler Rd. Until he can open Eagletree cafe and winery, he and his wife are helping another local couple with catering opportunities.

**Minutes:** May Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Because C. Bond was on a Scout camping trip and not present, Pres. McKenzie asked members to refer to the printed financial sheets provided. Total income was \$7,948.77 (reflecting trash receipts, member dues, parking and fundraising income) and expenses were \$4,892.64 (reflecting compactor service cost, meeting meals and donations) for a net ordinary income of \$3,056.13. Checking account has \$16,996.64; our T. Rowe Price account has \$171,974.04, for an assets total of \$189,795.68. Dues owed are \$1,116; banquet dues still owed are \$60.00. The the Treasurer's Report was approved.

### New Business:

**Scholarship Committee Report:** T. Small reported that we received 12 complete applications, which were evaluated by the Point of Rocks Club. He noted that this was our club's 27th year awarding scholarships to local high school graduates. He reported that the scholarships were awarded June 5th at the awards ceremony at Tuscarora High School and the Citizenship awards presented to the high school, middle school and elementary school recipients in the form of gift cards. He reminded the club that we pay scholarship monies directly to

the student's chosen school after they have registered and receive a financial account at that school. Tom also noted that this year, we did not receive any applications from home schooled students and that we may need to make a better effort at communicating with home schooled students through the local high school.

*Route 15 Meetings:* S. Hillebrand reported on the recent meetings with Supervisor Geary Higgins and VDOT on proposed safety improvements to Rt. 15. He presented a report that he submitted to VDOT outlining requested specific safety improvements to the road through Lucketts. These included:

- Completion of rumble strips with reflectors on all center double yellow lines and shoulders and around turn lanes with red painted medians
- The addition of yellow hash marks to all red median and red shoulder areas on both sides of Rt. 15 between Spinks Ferry Rd. and NewValley Church Rd. and in the enforcement area across from Brossman's farm stand, and "No Passing" signs at these two areas
- Elimination of all passing zones and changing these areas to double yellow lines with rumble strips and reflectors
- Installation of flashing warning sign at both ends of the 11 mile corridor that states No Passing Next 11 Miles
- Change all right turn/straight arrows on pavement to pointing right only, enlarging Right Lane MUST Turn Right signs and adding flashing yellow lights at northeast corner of north road entering Lucketts School.

Hillebrand noted that VDOT's response was that they will add center line rumble strips and edge strips where shoulder area allows and will discuss other options further.

P. Logue then reported on a safety meeting she attended with VDOT, also attended by the N. VA Transportation Alliance, a 30-year old not for profit 5013c business and citizen group seeking a regional approach to various transportation and development area issues. She reported that this group has been effective in the past by providing data and facts and research results to drive various projects, but should not be confused with the N.

VA Transportation Authority, which is a political organization. The priority of the Alliance is a second bridge crossing over the Potomac, preferably at Rt. 28 to connect to the InterCounty Connector in Maryland. This group believes that a bridge at Rt. 28 would have a greater impact on traffic congestion than a crossing farther west. She also noted that this regional group does not include Frederick County, MD.

*Membership Committee:* P. Logue reported that a member of this committee will be at trash collection each Saturday before our General meeting to talk to people and encourage them to come to a club meeting. P. Baker is updating our membership materials. N. Kron noted that our website is a good source of information but is not an active site; accordingly, he recommended we establish a Facebook page. We also need more involvement with the Rudy Youth club and the parents of these young club members.

*Joint Picnic, July 22nd:* Our joint picnic this year will include the Point of Rocks, Hamilton, Lovettsville/Waterford and Lucketts clubs and their families and guests. A planning meeting will be held June 27th at 6:30 before the Board meeting. All are welcome to participate in the planning of this event.

## Old Business:

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:030 PM.

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

*Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary*

## Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

June 27th, 2017

Attending: Cleland, Falk, McKenzie,  
Menendez, Penaranda, Quitter

CTO 7:40 PM. The Board approved the draft minutes for June.

**Treasurer's Report:** C. Bond was not present but had provided the financial profit and loss reports via email. Total income was \$7,215.69 (reflecting trash receipts, member dues and parking income); expenses were \$4,802.874 (reflecting compactor service cost, meeting meals, parking expenses and newsletter expenses) for a net ordinary income of \$2,412.82. Checking account has \$19,522.465; our T. Rowe Price account has \$171,974.04, for an assets total of \$191,749.50. Dues owed are \$193; banquet dues still owed are \$60.00. The BOD approved the Treasurer's Report.

### New Business:

*Rt. 15 Stakeholders Committee:* Pres. McKenzie reported that we have been asked by Supervisor Geary Higgins to be a stakeholder about the Rt. 15 improvement issues and to send one or more representatives to the forming stakeholders committee. S. Hillebrand will go to the next meetings on July 8th and Aug. 1st, sponsored by the Envision Now group. We will also reach out to D. Fabboli and his business group and ask if he will take a committee seat. Another local meeting will be held on July 11th at 7:30 about Rt. 15 issues. McKenzie reiterated that our club will not take sides, but will remain neutral, our function being to air issues and provide and share input on local concerns. He noted that our whole community does agree on the safety concerns that we want VDOT to address. P. Gustafson will attend this meeting.

*Joint Picnic:* The joint picnic with other local Ruritan clubs will be held on July 22nd at Skills, USA. This picnic will serve as our July monthly meeting and will be open to prospective members. We encourage our Club members to bring prospective members as guests. Our club will be responsible for drinks, liquor license and facility coordination with Skills, USA. J. McKenzie needs a head count by July 11th; so far, we have about 130 potential attendees.

*Monthly Dinners:* J. McKenzie has been informed that the ladies from Furnace Mountain Church want to resume preparation of club dinners at our monthly meetings. The board discussed raising the monthly fee we pay the church for their service to us by \$50 a month, but the Board voted to cut back on the number of meals served from 40 to 30 since attendance at our monthly meetings has gone down significantly over the past year. We may need to revisit this issue at a later date.

*Membership Committee:* We will distribute flyers at trash on Saturdays and discuss membership at the picnic in July.

The Board voted to change Alex Bates' status to At Large, since he will be attending college this year and will not be able to attend our monthly meetings. We will pay the associated dues to National.

*Parking:* Our next parking event is in July and the one after that is the Lucketts Fair in August.

*Monthly Speakers:* Ideas for potential speakers include a representative from the Optimist and/or Kiwanis Clubs, bee man Leo Virts, the newly elected delegates from the recent primary, or someone from the Taylorstown Historycommittee.

### Unfinished Business:

*Trash:* The fire department does not want to wash down the lot and school drive after trash pickup any longer, ostensibly because the department is now County-run and not a volunteer organization. We may have to begin performing this action, if and as needed. We do have a hose and nozzle and connector to the water outlet on the school building.

### Announcements:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

*Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary*