



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- October 10th, 2017

Attending: Adams, Baker, Bond, Cleland, Ernst, Hart, Hobbie, Hillebrand, Kemp, Logue, McKenzie, Menendez, Penaranda, Small, Snooks, Sorrell

Guests: Erin Rayner, Pearl Underwood, Scott Reed, Gary Mears

CTO by Pres. Mckenzie at 7:30 PM.

Pres. McKenzie welcomed our guest speakers, Erin Raynor, representative from Congresswoman Barbara Comstock's office, and Pearl Underwood and Scott Reed from Round Hill Ruritans.

Program:

Pres. Mckenzie introduced Erin Raynor, representative for Congresswoman Barbara Comstock. She focused her talk on the issues that B. Comstock is focusing on, as follows:

1. Metro--Comstock is on the Committee for Transportation and Infrastructure, which received \$150M in funding for metro projects such as the Silver Line to Dulles and Ashburn, studies to improve metro efficiency, and increased maintenance.
2. Gangs--Focus is on the gang MS-13 (from El Salvador), more than 400 members strong in the Herndon/N. VA area. The N. VA Gang Task Force is seeking more funding to combat gang activity. In 2012, funding was \$3M, but now more is needed for law enforcement to combat gang violence, criminal alien gang membership, drugs, and human trafficking. Comstock supports the Removal Act to deport gang members; she went on a ride-along to arrest known gang members.
3. Heroin/Opioid Addiction--this problem is the worst in Frederick and Clark Counties. Comstock is for the use of drug courts, which would have the authority to hand down alternative sentences focused on treatments for addicts rather than drug sellers. Seeking funding increase from \$5M to \$200M for drug treatment.

Next Meeting

November 14th, 2017 7:30 P.M.
Lucketts Community Center

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Program: Our November speaker will be Dave Birtwistle from the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance, who will speak about transportation issues along the Rt. 15 corridor and other N. VA roadways.

4. Science and Space Education Technology Committee--Focus is on STEM education. Loudoun Co. is the silicon valley of the East with our many data centers and technology businesses. 75% of the world's internet flows through Loudoun Co., which is currently bidding on the location for a new Amazon campus. The Inspire Bill encourages women to go into the sciences, business, and leadership career paths.
5. Cybersecurity Legislation--Currently, there are 36,000 open cybersecurity jobs nationwide. Students can earn a certificate from NOVA in less than two years and get a job in this field that can pay \$80K/year.
6. Hate Crimes--Comstock supports Resolution HR 257, aimed at combatting hate crimes.
7. Tax Reform--Details are still being worked in committee but the focus is on more jobs, simpler taxes, lower tax rates. Options include a higher rate for the very wealthy; a doubled standard deduction and child credit; closing loopholes; eliminating some itemized deductions (such as keeping mortgage deductions but capping deductions for multiple homes); repealing death tax and alternative minimum tax; lowering corporate tax rate to 20% to create more jobs.
8. Incentives to keep money in U.S.--focus is on how to tax overseas dollars.

Questions included how these tax changes would benefit the wealthy the most (Answer was this is unfounded if loopholes are closed); how these tax changes would increase the federal deficit (Answer was that no tax plan can decrease the

deficit and the point is to make taxes fairer rather than decreasing the deficit. Rayner noted that tax plans are only a framework for now and that this needs to be a bipartisan effort.

Pres. McKenzie then introduced Program Speakers Pearl Underwood and Scott Reed, who spoke to us about 501c3 non profit organizations. They focused on the tax exempt status of 501c3s and how to leverage this status, explaining that benefits are granted to businesses, individuals, and groups who give money to 501c3 organizations. Non-profits can get tax exempt cards from businesses to save taxes on purchases. If a 501c3 receives a financial donation from a business, we need a document to say who we are, where we are from, and our purpose to identify our organization. The donating business will write on the letter what their donation to us was (these businesses maintain their own financial records). Services on products are also tax exempt; money can be deducted on tax returns (this may be limited).

Pearl and Scott also explained that local businesses or individuals can become Ruritan Associate members, inactive, non-voting members for whom the club would pay only the yearly dues to Ruritan National. These members could advertise their businesses through our club and receive donations from the community.

Pearl and Scott also discussed fundraising and membership recruitment ideas. Some of these included recruiting new members with children; advertising in newsletters and brochures, raising funds through parking projects, sponsoring theater or musical performances, holding food sales or raffles, or events such as cards or bingo games. They noted that the Ruritan Foundation has a Build Your Dollars program fund where clubs may share in the interest if they have contributed a certain amount (\$300) by October 1st of the year.

Minutes: September minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: C. Bond presented the monthly financial sheets. Total income was \$12,550.22 (reflecting trash receipts, parking income and T. Rowe Price income), and expenses were \$6,789.44 (reflecting compactor service cost, donations, and parking expenses) for a net ordinary income of \$5,760.78. We received \$1,790.96 unrealized gain income from our T. Rowe Price account, resulting in a net income of \$7,551.74. Checking account has \$20,474.94; our

T. Rowe Price account has \$181,358.64, for an assets total of \$201,984.58. Dues owed are \$1,187.00. The Treasurer's Report was approved. We were then told by Pearl Underwood that we do not need to approve the Treasurer's report; doing so makes it a legal document!

New Business:

Route 15 Stakeholder Meetings: P. Logue reported that the next meeting will be October 14th.

Rudy Juniors: P. Logue reported that LES now has 15 Rudy Junior members; the club has elected their officers and discussed projects, most of which focused on making Rt. 15 safer. The club is managing the coat drive again this year, collecting through October. The club approved the expenditure of \$1K to buy coats, as needed. We are planning a celebratory event after the drive for the Rudy Juniors at P. Gustafson's farm, where we will give out T shirts, car magnets and other gifts to the students to thank them for their efforts. The club approved the expenditure of \$1200 for these gifts to the Rudy Juniors.

New Member: The club approved Gary Mears for membership in the club. Welcome Gary!

Holiday Party: To be held Dec. 2nd at Skills, USA. Caterer will be the same as last year; entertainment during the cocktail hour will again be Kara Fulop, playing piano.

Casino Night: S. Hillebrand discussed the idea of holding a Casino Night as a fundraiser. We will discuss this as a spring event.

Parking: The last parking event is Nov. 3-5 at the Lucketts Store Antiques Holiday Open House. Sign-ups are needed.

Old Business:

Trash: P. Gustafson is working on an updated sign to be posted at trash, showing where trash donations are being applied to benefit the community.

Announcements:

1. Darrell Ernst resigned from the club.
2. Tony Meyerhofer resigned from the club
3. Our Holiday Party will be held the first Saturday in December (December 2nd) at Skills, USA.
4. J. Adams reported that David Whitmer, of Taylorstown, is mentoring a group of young people on the use of firearms from all U.S. wars. This group does presentations at various community events, if asked. Adams suggested that our club sponsor a presentation as a community event.

Pledge of Allegiance was said and meeting was adjourned at 9: 30 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

October 24th, 2017

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

CTO 7:30 PM.

The October Board meeting was held on October 24th because because Halloween fell on the last Tuesday of the month.

Minutes: Board approved draft September minutes.

Treasurer's Report: C. Bond was not present, but had provided the financial profit and loss reports. Total income was \$9,490.75 (reflecting trash receipts, member dues and parking income); expenses were \$6,789.44 (reflecting compactor service cost, meeting meals, parking expenses, and donations) for a net ordinary income of \$2,701.31. Checking account has \$17,550.58; our T. Rowe Price account has \$179,392.57, for an assets total of \$197,247.15. Dues owed are \$304.00. Pres. McKenzie will contact those in arrears for dues. The BOD approved the Treasurer's Report.

New Business:

Trenton Thomas: The Board approved a \$500 donation to the family of local arborist Trent Thomas, who was severely burned in an accident, to help with medical expenses.

Rt. 15 Stakeholders Committee: P. Logue reported on the most recent meeting of the Board of Supervisors, who discussed the Rt. 15 issues. P. Gustafson spoke at the meeting and presented some of the results of the survey distributed in the past few weeks to obtain local opinion about options for the traffic and safety issues on Rt. 15. He noted that representatives from the Raspberry Falls and Selma communities were present and went on record as favoring widening Rt. 15 to four lanes up to Montresor Rd.

Rudy Juniors: Coat Drive: So far, about 40 coats have been collected. The list from the school identified 43 coats needed. Our club has submitted a grant request of \$1500 to Walmart; these funds, if received, must be spent on the coats, hats, gloves, and shoes needed for Lucketts Elementary children.

Our sponsored bonfire at P. Gustafson's house on Nov. 18 to acknowledge the Rudy Junior club for their efforts will be from 3:00 to 8:00 PM. We will provide food, games, a hayride, and giveaways of T or polo shirts for the kids and small items for parents. We need help with parking, gift distribution, and name tags.

The Rudy Junior club will sponsor the historical lecture on the Indians who settled in our local area. The date of this event will be in the Feb/Mar timeframe, yet to be determined.

General and Board Meeting Dates: The November Board meeting will be held Nov. 28, the week after Thanksgiving. The December Board meeting will be held Jan. 2, as we do not meet between Christmas and New Year's. The General Board meeting for January will be held the next week, on January 9th.

Holiday Party: Preparations are on track. Pres. McKenzie needs a final invitation list in the next week or ten days. The Board approved Kara Fulop to provide the piano entertainment during the cocktail hour, as last year.

The Board also approved giving a \$100 Visa gift card to the very helpful young woman who assists at trash collection each week to thank her for her efforts.

Unfinished Business:

Trash: P. Gustafson is finalizing a sign that summarizes how trash donations are used to benefit our community.

Announcements:

1. Tony Meyerhofer has resigned from the club. Since he has managed our Ruritan Club website and email distribution list, we now need a volunteer to take on these duties. We may consider an Associate club member or a NOVA student who could perform these tasks for credit. TBD.
2. Jim McKenzie has agreed to be our Club President for one more year; we still need someone to serve as Vice President.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary