



# Lucketts Ruritan

**Board of Directors:** Jim McKenzie, *President*; Peter Gustafson, *Vice President*; Elizabeth Penaranda, *Secretary*; Craig Bond, *Treasurer*; Rich Cleland, Al Menendez, Pat Logue, Don Stanley, *Directors*

## General Membership Meeting Minutes-September 11th, 2018

Attending: Adams, Baker, Bond, Cleland, Ewell, Fabboli, Falk, Ferreira, Frankenfield, Hart, Heykoop, Hillebrand, Hobbie, Johnson, Logue, McKenzie, Mears, Menendez, Penaranda, Quitter, Snooks, Stanley

**Guests:** Karyn Price, , Andy and Jan Benjamin, Frank and Bonnie Maruca, Geary Higgins, Stacy Carey, Kay Quitter, Barbara Scott

CTO: 7:35 PM.

Pres. McKenzie welcomed our guests and thanked the ladies of Furnace Mt. Church for preparing the dinner meal. He also wished Happy Birthday to Dick Snooks!

**New Members:** The membership unanimously voted in new members Andy and Jan Benjamin and Karyn Price. Welcome!

**Minutes:** Sent via email. See website for latest.

**Treasurer's Report:** C. Bond provided the monthly financial profit and loss reports for August. Total income was \$5,861.46 (primarily reflecting trash and member dues); expenses were \$13,574.28 (primarily reflecting compactor service costs, distributed scholarship and other donations, graphic design and printing services), for an ordinary income of negative \$7,712.82. Other income from unrealized gain from our T. Rowe Price account of \$5,313.27 resulted in a net income of negative \$2,399.55. Checking account has \$7,624/59, with \$753 in accounts receivable; our T. Rowe Price account has \$206,577.12, for an assets total of \$214,954.71. Dues owed: \$733.

### Program:

BOS member Geary Higgins thanked our club for our activities and feedback about the proposed changes to Rt. 15. He then summarized the status of ongoing initiatives relevant to the Lucketts area.

- The planned addition to the LES school building has been funded from the 2017 budget (not from School Board funds) and is currently in the design phase. Funds for this project were reallocated from unspent funds earmarked to pay down debt. Bids will be solicited in November, with completion expected by November, 2019.

### Next Meeting

October 9th, 2018 7:30 P.M.  
Lucketts Community Center

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**Program:** Our October program speaker will be Kurt Aschermann, Of Christ Church, who will discuss various projects and initiatives sponsored by the church..

- Bids for construction of a new firehouse in Lucketts will be sent out for bid by Jan. 1, 2019. VFS representative Jim Hobbie noted that the Lucketts volunteer fire company owns the old firehouse building, and that no decision has yet been made on what will be done with the building. As a 5013c non-profit organization, the volunteer fire service could turn the building over to another non-profit organization. He pointed out that the fire service could not take the money if the building is sold.
- G. Higgins reported that VDOT backed up on some of its commitments to install rumble strips along Rt. 15, where there are none after paving was completed. A meeting is scheduled in October to revisit this issue.
- On the issue of Internet and broadband service, the BOS met with AT&T to discuss sites for towers in underserved areas of the county. A gap analysis revealed that one such area is in Luciketts off Tutt Lane. Some requirements were reduced, and some by-rights land use issues were discussed. Higgins noted that we have the highest fees in the area so AT&T is hesitating on any final decision. One option is a public/private partnership with the school system to allow access for public use. Providers would be able to hook up that infrastructure to provide service.
- Regarding the Comprehensive Plan and the Envision process on Rt. 15 issues, Higgins reported that the stakeholder group has disbanded and county staff has submitted recommendations. A meeting will be held next week to receive updates. The issue will go to committee in early January.

J. Adams noted that the Farm Bureau will also have recommendations that will focus on safety issues, congestion relief, and a context-sensitive approach that incorporates environmental, architectural, and historic considerations. Higgins noted that Rt. 15 is one of the top 15 most congested areas in the DC area and that this evaluation process has been more inclusive than ever before. The BOS has received more than 3000 comments from public sessions and online. He exhibited a notebook of 300 comments the BOS has received from just one local resident. Higgins said the BOS is trying to build consensus and inclusivity into the process, but two vocal groups have emerged: one advocating for two lanes for Rt. 15 and one advocating for four lanes. He noted that neither option is fully supported by the data that shows more than 26,000 cars per day travel Rt. 15. The BOS is working with landowners and homeowners along the road to work out access issues. One option being discussed is two corridors south to Whites Ferry and Raspberry Falls, and one corridor north to the river. A BOS meeting on Sept. 20 will discuss the lower section only and will include the option of a roundabout at Whites Ferry and at other intersections, a bypass around Lucketts, and/or a realignment of the intersection at Limestone and Spinks Ferry Rds.

The Board met several times with transportation planner Ian Lockwood about a roundabout at Lucketts Rd, but initially determined that there is not enough room to do this. Options discussed included a median for safety purposes and adequate access for driveways. Higgins reiterated that the design process has not happened yet, as planners are still in the concept phase. The Planning Commission will have a new draft of the Comprehensive Plan and recommendations for the northern section after Jan. 1, 2019. Construction will begin in FY 2022 up to Montresor Rd., as design will take 18 months.

- The proposed Rockwood plant in W. VA has received approvals at the state and federal levels. The BOS has asked for another look to better address pollution concerns.
- Regarding development in the western part of Loudoun County, Higgins reported that new houses have already been approved. In

addition to development already in the plan, 8700 additional homes have been approved. He noted that no suggested changes have been made to western Loudoun outside the transition zone, but that some areas have already been compromised. Traffic projections from the consultant are 1.75% growth per year; planning is done in 20 year "chunks."

### **Business:**

*Finance Committee:* The committee submitted a year-to-date report, which will be available on the website.

*Business Collaborative:* This group will be formed as a committee of our club.

*Trash Contract:* P. Gustafson received our new two-year contract with Waste Management. Note that we will pay a little less per month under this new contract.

*Food Pantry:* R. Cleland reported that we reached our goal of collecting two tons of food.

*Parking:* Next event is DIVAS race pm 14-15 Sept. Please sign up online if you can help.

*LAWS:* C. Falk reported that the lawn mower has been fixed and cleaned and is back in service. Please sign up to schedule mowing.

*Christmas Party:* M. Quitter has booked Skills, USA as the venue for Dec. 1st for our annual holiday party. He and Kay Quitter interviewed four caterers for possible engagement for our event and will select between a final two.

### **Announcements:**

1. Our speaker for October will be Kurt Aschermann of Christ Church.

Pledge of Allegiance was said and meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

*Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary*

## September 2018 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

**Attending:** Adams, Cleland, Logue, McKenzie, Menendez, Quitter, Sorrell, Stanley

Meeting was held at the home of P. Logue, 15699 Woodchester Ct., Leesburg, VA 20176. CTO at 7:30 PM.

**Minutes:** Minutes taken for this meeting by P. Logue for Secretary Penaranda, who was traveling out of the country.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer C. Bond could not be present, so no report was available until the end of the month. Bond reported that we are solvent.

### New Business:

*Finance Committee:* S. Sorrell reported that the committee voted against providing funding for the \$2400 request by the LCC to assist a local family in securing day-care services at LCC. The Committee reached this decision for the following reasons: 1) Board had previously agreed at the August meeting to approve no unbudgeted expenses for the remainder of 2018; 2) the Committee questioned whether this type of family assistance should be considered by the club at all. If the BOD wants to consider these requests, the Finance Committee would like the BOD to establish a small sub committee to look at this specific area of need and make a recommendation before finalizing the 2019 club budget.

Pres. McKenzie was not in agreement with the Committee's decision and stated that this request was not inconsistent with other assistance given Lucketts families in the past. In addition, he believed that the family requesting assistance was demonstrating responsible behavior and reinforced the importance of supporting our disabled veterans and their families. As an alternative, he asked that the Board consider simply increasing donations to the LCC through the LCCAB for the balance of this year. He noted that we had set aside a fund of \$10,000 in 2017 which has not been depleted. In addition, based on the history of these requests, it is unlikely that the Club will receive another request from the LCC for family assistance before 2019. A. Menendez stated that should such a request come in, the Club needs to be ready with a

subcommittee prepared with criteria for vetting these requests.

After discussion, there was general agreement that in 2019, such requests from the LCC will be handled by one lump sum, budgeted amount, to be proposed by the Finance Committee and incorporated into the 2019 Budget for approval by the BOS and the General Membership. A. Menendez noted that, regardless of this process, the club can receive emergency assistance requests from other organizations and should always be prepared with a committee and criteria for evaluating these requests. R. Cleland moved that in lieu of \$2400, a compromise amount of \$1,000 be awarded to the LCC through the LCCAB for this purpose. A. Menendez seconded; the motion passed by a vote of three in favor and one opposed. This Board action will need approval at the October 9th General Membership meeting. Pres. McKenzie asked R. Cleland to chair a small committee to create criteria for emergency support to families. Cleland will work to have a team and a plan in place for these requests as soon as possible. Pres. McKenzie decided to table the discussion on assistance to the veteran family until after we stand up the committee to determine what we need to look at regarding these requests and after the finance committee can look at the 2019 budget.

*Budget for 2019:* The BOD requested S Sorrell to provide a draft of the 2019 Budget at the October Board Meeting, if possible, but no later than the November Board Meeting. Part of the process will include working with a small committee to review the issue of providing financial support to needy families.

*Business Collaborative:* A. Menendez reported that: 1) the Committee has requested a meeting with incoming Ruritan National President Larry Cassel to review the approach for working with the Lucketts Business Collaborative; and 2) We will ask new member Courtney Heykoop and member S. Ewell to participate in the preparation of the structure and charter for the new Business Collaborative Committee that is currently being established.

*Membership:* J. Adams reported that five new members resulted from the Sip & Social event we held in the spring. Between now and year end, we may have two more new members, Frank and Bonnie Maruca, sponsored by M. Quitter..

*New Member Packages:* The Committee is looking for a new source for shirts and hats and will evaluate samples before the next General Membership meeting.

*Community Center:* J. McKenzie, P. Baker, P. Logue, and prospective member Barbara Scott attended the September meeting of the LCCAB to learn more about the operation of both the LCC and the LCCAB. Scott and Logue have scheduled a follow-up meeting for October 1st with LCC Program Manager Susan Leone to obtain more information about the Center's programs.

*LAWS:* P. Hart secured a donation of two graphing calculators for the teenagers living at the LAWS home in Lucketts. To date, we have received no additional requests for support from Amy Horace at LAWS.

*Coat Drive:* The coat drive for this season begins this Saturday, September 28th and will run through October 31st. We have not yet received the list of requirements for coats from the school.

*Rudy Junior Club:* The new club begins in October with Karyn Price serving as the lead parent sponsor. The Club will meet the second Wednesday of each month after school.

*Board Meetings Hosted at Members' Homes:*

- September – Logue
- October – Stanley
- November – Menendez
- December Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. The January Membership meeting will be on the Tuesday following – January 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Monthly Speakers:* October speaker will be Kurt Ascherman of Christ Episcopal Church; November speaker will be Doug Fabboli on the mentorship program.

J. Adams recommended that the Club bring a representative from Save Rural Loudoun to speak to members about the concerns of the rural Loudoun and farm community about the Envision Loudoun process and the new Comprehensive Plan. A. Menendez asked whether the Board believed members would be interested in a technical presentation on energy projects. P. Logue suggested that the Club look at supporting the efforts of the Loudoun Museum, which is

under the direction of a new board appointed by the county.

*Trash Contract:* New contract with Waste Management is completed and signed.

*Parking:* Pres. McKenzie reviewed the request by the Lucketts Store to park in the field behind the firehouse for their holiday event. We may receive a request for parking assistance for this event.

*Christmas Party:* M. Quitter reported that the party is coming in under budget. Caterer has not been finalized, but good progress is being made with the caterer recommended by D. Stanley.

*Leadership for 2019:* Pres. McKenzie asked the Board to advise of their intentions to continue or leave service to the Board for 2019 so that the Nomination Committee can conclude selection of Officers and Directors for the 2019 Board.

### **Announcements:**

None..

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

*Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary,  
from minutes taken by P. Logue.*