



Lucketts Ruritan

Board of Directors: Peter Gustafson, President; Al Menendez, Vice President; Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary; Don Stanley, Treasurer; Jim McKenzie, Pat Logue, Mike Dunn, Gary Mears, Directors

General Membership Meeting Minutes—January 8th, 2019

Attending: Adams, Baker, J Benjamin, A Benjamin, Bond, Cleland, Dunn, Fabboli, Falk, Frankenfield, Gustafson, Hart, Heykoop, Hillebrand, Johnson, Logue, B Maruca, F Maruca, McKenzie, Mears, Menendez, Penaranda, Quitter, Scott, Stanley

Guests: Ronan Heykoop, Debbie and Dennis Sackman, Jeff Greene (*Shallow Water Fishing Adventures*)

CTO: 7:35 PM.

Pres. Gustafson welcomed our guests and thanked the ladies of Furnace Mt. Church for preparing the dinner meal.

Minutes: No minutes were taken in December. The Annual Awards Banquet was held at Skills USA on December 1, new club officers installed and a good time had by all. No club business was transacted in December.

Treasurer's Report: C. Bond formally handed off the Treasurer duties to our new Treasurer, Don Stanley after finishing the financial reports for 2018. Bond provided the monthly financial profit and loss reports for the year. Total income for December was \$20,525.43 (primarily reflecting trash collections and corporate donations); total income for the year was \$101,947.20. Expenses for December were \$21,414.44 (primarily reflecting compactor service, our outgoing donations, and banquet costs) for a negative net ordinary income for the month of -\$889.01 and a net ordinary income for the year of \$4787.32. A negative unrealized gain from our T. Rowe Price account of -\$20,135.03 for the month of December, due to the recent stock market dive, resulted in a negative unrealized gain for the year of -\$12,164.67. Total net income for the month of December was -\$21,024.04 and -\$7,377.35 for the year. Checking account has \$9,311.87, with \$986 in accounts receivable; our T. Rowe Price account has \$185,456.82, for an assets total of \$195,754.69.

Awards: Pres. Gustafson presented Outstanding Service Awards to charter member John Adams for his work in the area of membership, and to Rich and Jackie Cleland in recognition of their due

Next Meeting

February 12th, 2018, 7:30 P.M.

Lucketts Community Center

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Program: The speaker for our February meeting will be Forest Hayes, Candidate for Catocotin District Supervisor on the County Board of Supervisors.

diligence in managing our food drive for Loudoun Hunger Relief. Congratulations to all of you!

Program:

Our speaker for the evening was Jeff Greene, of Shallow Water Fishing Adventures. He guides catch and release (required by law) fishing trips on the upper Potomac and Susquehanna Rivers, an area he characterized as "a world class fishery." His guide service operates 365 days a year, with Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Eve the most popular days in the year. Jeff typically guides two four-hour trips a day, but also offers four-, three-, or six-hour trips, in 42° water. He specializes in teaching children to fish and in boat safety. He fishes for small mouth bass in all weather but noted that large mouth bass are not as plentiful. Although not a biologist, he knows the Potomac River extremely well, since he grew up on the river in Montgomery County, MD.

Jeff was a DC policeman for 14 years in the narcotics and violent crime department, and he is a second-generation policeman. He noted that in the late 1960s and early 1970s, women who wanted to do police work had to have a four-year college degree, but men did not.

Jeff showed many photos of fish caught in the two rivers. Some small mouth bass were as large as five pounds. He noted that in previous years, in the warm, shallow water near the Dickerson power plant, the fish grew even bigger; however, since the detection of oil sheens on the water from the power plant's turbine lubricant and a subsequent fine for this pollution, Dickerson is mostly shut down now and coal-fired operations completely shut down. He noted that fish know where the warm shallow high waters are and can move 30 miles in winter to reach these warm spots.

In the Upper Potomac River, fish caught include rainbow trout, walleye, native and tiger muskie, catfish (especially around Edwards Ferry), bluegill, and croppie. Jeff also discussed how to read the water in the river, explaining that fish typically gather behind rocks near eddies, or swirls, in the current stream; if the water is muddy, the fish go to the clear side creeks that are fed from springs. He also listed the types of lures used, which include tube bait, three-inch Senko worms, 2.75" red rigs, hair jigs, and rubber-skirted bass jigs, spinner baits (in high water) chatterbaits, buzz bait, suspending and floating jerkbaits, and flatfish lures. He noted that the colder the water, the slower the fisherman should move the bait through the water, but explained that even in winter, big fish need to eat to keep up their energy. In summer, however, fish are all over the river. Jeff also uses and teaches knots such as the Palomar, Double Uni, and improved clinch. He also said he was seeing a lot of trash in the river, which, unfortunately, is getting worse.

Costs for his trips are \$250 for a four-hour trip and \$300 for a six-hour trip. In closing, he said, to get better at catching fish, you should spend more time on the water!!

Old Business:

Donation to LCCAB: Pres. Gustafson stated that our club has been asked to donate \$2500 to reimburse the LCCAB for assisting a family in need for an LCC tuition in the last quarter of 2018. Past Pres. McKenzie explained how donation monies to the LCC are handled, since the Center is a County-run facility and cannot accept donations directly. Consequently, monies can be paid to the LCCAB, who can then pass along the donation to the county to benefit the family. A motion to reimburse the LCCAB for this donation passed.

D. Stanley explained further how the club typically makes donation decisions, but still had a few questions about this particular donation. The Board will discuss and clarify our decision process

going forward. Pres. Gustafson moved to form a committee, to be chaired by R. Cleland, to vet requests for assistance and recommend action to the Board. Motion passed. J. Adams noted that we need to approve our 2019 budget when the Finance Committee finalizes it.

Other Donations: P. Hart announced that we received a donation of \$5K from AutoNation Toyota in Leesburg. This is the second year that this dealership has donated this amount to our club. A. Menendez then reported that, in 2018, we received a total of \$22K in corporate donations.

New Business:

Pres. Gustafson called for a vote to accept Dennis and Debbie Sackman into the club. The membership unanimously voted in the Sackmans! Welcome to the club!

Committee Assignments: Pres. Gustafson stated that committee assignments would be sent out electronically. He asked that members sign up for one or more committees in their areas of interest.

Compactor and Recycling: Pres. Gustafson stated that Waste Management was recently sold to Bates Trucking, who now has our trash collection and recycling contract.

Announcements:

1. We will sponsor another history event at LES in the February/March time frame, featuring Eric Hillebrand. His presentation is geared toward a young audience, which will enhance interest and attendance.
2. Trash schedule: Be willing to switch with another club member who may not be able to make their assigned date. Notify M. Ferreira, but note that she only maintains the schedule and is not responsible for finding replacements.

Pledge of Allegiance was said and meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary

January 2019 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

Attending: Bond, Dunn, Gustafson, Logue, McKenzie, Mears, Menendez, Penaranda, Stanley

Meeting was held at the home of Don Stanley, 12845 Potomac Overlook La, Leesburg, VA 20176. CTO at 7:35 PM.

Minutes: Draft January General Meeting Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer D. Stanley provided the monthly financial profit and loss reports for January. Total income was \$6,727.22 (primarily reflecting trash and member dues); expenses were \$2,435.00 (primarily reflecting compactor service costs and newsletter printing costs), for an ordinary income of \$4,292.22. Checking account has \$16,411.00, our T. Rowe Price account has \$194,355.00, for an assets total of \$210,766.00. We received \$1201 in dues.

The Board discussed our dues to Ruritan National and clarified that club members T. Howder, D. Snooks, and C. Siebentritt are listed as Honorary on the National Roster. Our club pays the \$11 quarterly dues for each honorary member. We also explained that the collection and counting of the monies received at trash each Saturday by Ray Sullivan and Audrey Moreland has been efficient and successful and greatly appreciated for many years; accordingly, we will continue this procedure for the foreseeable future. The Board also agreed that the tax information for the club will not appear on our website, for privacy and security reasons.

2019 Budget: Treasurer Stanley distributed copies of the proposed 2019 budget, as submitted by the Finance Committee. The Board discussed our yearly donation of \$500 to the Girl Scouts and that this amount is less than our donation to the Boy Scouts. Points were made about the local Boy Scout organization versus the national organization of the Girl Scouts, the potential needs of the Girl Scout Camp in Lucketts, and the need for additional information to enable comparison of per capita amounts to the two clubs. A motion was passed to leave the current donation amounts as is for the present and to ask member C. Heykoop to clarify the needs and activities of the Lucketts Girl Scout troop. A proposal was made to donate \$500 to the Girl Scout Camp without further action. The

Board then discussed increasing our donation to the Point of Rocks Ruritan Club for evaluating our high school scholarship applications, especially given the fact that 40 potential applicants attended a recent meeting at Tuscarora High School with our Scholarship Committee representatives. The Board approved two motions to increase our donation to the POR club to \$500 and to increase our donation to the LCCAB to \$2500. A final motion passed to approve the 2019 budget with the documented changes.

New Business:

Board Meeting Locations Going Forward: To save the fees charged for renting space at the LCC, the Board will meet at one another's homes each month. The rotation schedule is as follows:

- February--A. Menendez
- March--J. McKenzie
- April--P. Logue
- May--D. Stanley
- June--P. Gustafson
- July--M. Dunn
- August--G. Mears
- September--A. Menendez
- October--J. McKenzie
- November--P. Logue

Monthly Speakers: We have tentatively engaged the following speakers for our General Membership Meetings:

- February--Forest Hayes, Candidate for Loudoun BOS for Catoctin District
- March--Doug Graham, America's Routes (Loudoun's back roads)
- April--Tony Hays, Recycling
- May--LWC: Joe Coleman/Michael Myers, JK Black Oak Preserve
- June--Eugene Scheel, New Native American Tribes Area Map

Club Updates: Pres. Gustafson announced that we will make a real effort to update our club brochure and website this year.

Committee Assignments: Pres. Gustafson distributed organizational charts showing the committee structure for 2019 and the current committee assignments of club members. The Board briefly discussed separating two events, a 40th Anniversary Picnic, to be held with other local Ruritan Clubs and another Sip 'n' Social, for

the purpose of recruiting new members and disseminating information about our club to the greater Lucketts community. The Board considered holding the anniversary picnic at a different venue from Skills, USA; for example, at the Selma mansion, if possible, or at one of the nearby breweries or wineries. We also discussed inviting a special guest, one suggestion being comedian Mark Russell.

Sustaining Member Proposal: P. Logue proposed that we establish a separate membership category for individuals who want to participate and keep informed about our club activities, but who may not wish or have the time to contribute as a full member. Her proposed a Sustaining Membership category would involve a one-time donation to the club (or a yearly donation) and enable people such as local business owners to support the club. The Board agreed to consider this idea further in the coming weeks.

Old Business:

Membership Kits: Pres. Gustafson noted that we need to update our membership kits and apparel for new members. P. Logue has ordered new hats and shirts for new members and some extras for those who did not receive any when they joined

the club. Current club members who wish to purchase new items should contact P. Logue.

Acknowledgments of 2018 Donations to Club:

A. Menendez has solicited, and we have received, donations of \$8000 to date from corporate donors. He expects one additional donation of \$6000 and perhaps more.

Announcements:

1. Pres. Gustafson noted that we need to upgrade the memorial plaque at the Community Center by adding the names of Chet Martin and Jim Rocks.
2. Pres. Gustafson spoke to inactive member Celeste Kenny; we will reactivate Celeste as an At Large member on our club roster and on the National Roster.
3. Club member Dennis Fauber is retiring from the government. He now has more time to devote to the club and has signed up for three committees!

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary