



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—July 20th, 2019

Annual Picnic

Our July meeting was our third annual combined club picnic, held this year at Riverside on the Potomac. Participating clubs were Lucketts, Lovettsville/Waterford, Hamilton, Point of Rocks Ruritan, Sterling, and guests from Aldie.

Guests: Ruritan club members, family, neighbors, and friends.

Program:

Guests arrived beginning at 1:00P.M. and were officially welcomed at 1:45 by Pres. Gustafson. This was followed by greetings by Chuck Hedges (L/W), Warren Grossman (Hamilton), Marcel Ailery (PoR), Marylinda “Mel” Gamertsfelder (Sterling), and Gene Gulland, (Aldie). Also welcomed and offering words of inspiration were District Governor Sarah Kelly and Zone Governor Graham Underwood.

As suggested within the official Ruritan Handbook, festivities then got underway by means of a song, the singing of *America*. Pres. Gustafson pointed out that this would be a ‘first’ in Lucketts’ 40-year history and asked how many other clubs begin their meetings with song. Aldie’s Gulland said that they always do. After a rousing rendition, Gulland interjected: “It just goes to show how much Lucketts knows! The song we just sang was *America the Beautiful!*” after which we righted the wrong with a hearty *America* followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendees then got down to the serious business of socializing and eating.

Picnic attendees enjoyed hamburgers and hotdogs, beer and wine, and a large array of potluck dishes. In spite of the hot weather, games went on as planned, highlighted by Barbara Scott leading a fun-filled water balloon toss.

Clubs went all out to provide a great time, contributing supplies, condiments, and a selection of wines (Hamilton), soft drinks (PoR), copious amounts of water (Sterling), with meats and grilling compliments of L/W with Donny Ulmer’s local beef setting a new burger standard. Lucketts’

Next Meeting

August 13th, 2019, 7:30 P.M.
Lucketts Community Center

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Program: The speaker for our August meeting will be Hilary Cooley, LCC Director, on the Lucketts Bluegrass Festival.

Fabbioli wine and beer selection also featured offerings from both Lucketts’ farm breweries: Barnhouse and Vanish.

Minutes: Sent via email.

Treasurer’s Report: None presented at this event. Summary sheets sent to Board via email.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary

July 2018 Board of Directors’ Meeting Minutes

CTO: 6:30 Pm

Meeting was held at the home of Mike Dunn, 42123 Cherry Spring Lane, Leesburg, VA.

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

Minutes: Accepted as corrected.

Treasurer’s Report: D. Stanley provided an interim budget update report for the year to date. We have \$18K in our checking account; we distributed \$11K in scholarships; and paid \$1200 for website upgrade and maintenance (our budgeted amount for website expenses for the year was \$3500, and we have spent \$2500 to date.) Our T. Rowe Price account has \$219,700. A management budget review showed that we are on track with trash receipts; we expect \$1K for parking at Tarara Vineyard, which will put us over budget for the year.

The Board discussed developing a strategy to guide people to our website, especially since we are putting news, announcements, and more information on the newly upgraded site, such as donations, scholarships and grants, the Bluegrass music schedule, and upcoming events.

New Business:**Special Committee Reports:**

Social Development: Our Grants Proposal will be launched at the Sip 'n' Social on September 17 (note rescheduled date).

Environmental Subcommittee: B. Scott submitted a proposal for the club to sponsor a Walking/Running Group to be held every Saturday, beginning after Labor Day 2019, at Lucketts Community Park, with possible expansion to other Lucketts' locations such as Freedom Center and White's Ford Park. The two objectives of the group are to encourage nature appreciation and to promote health and fitness. The group welcomes all ages and fitness levels. No cost to participants. The Board approved this suggestion and encourages members to participate. We will ask B. Scott to communicate the activities of this group on the Ruritan calendar on our website.

Public Relations: P. Logue is developing a communication strategy for the club to enable better contact between members and interested friends and neighbors. She is working on a new, expanded email listing. The Board approved \$358 to Constant Contact (an email communications application) to manage our email list. A. Menendez will ask members of the Business Collaborative for their contact information also.

Standing Committees:

Fellowship: Pres. Gustafson submitted a picnic debrief summarizing the picnic activities and thanking the Worshams for the use of their venue. His report also thanked the many people who helped plan, coordinate, manage, and clean up for this successful event. We were on budget for our picnic this year, and musician Andrew McNight was excellent! Although a lot of work, the Board believes it is good to combine area clubs in an annual event to foster communication and interaction between groups. The Board also noted that, in future, we need an ad hoc committee comprised of all participating clubs to plan and organize and to decide what to do next year. We also might ask if any other club would like to host next year.

Program and Entertainment: The speaker for our August meeting is Hilary Cooley, who will speak

about the Bluegrass Festival. The speaker for September will be Waterford resident Dabney Kerr, of Wayfinder Fundraising. **Note: We are planning to move our September meeting to Furnace Mountain Church because of a conflict with Back to School Night.** For October, we are considering someone to speak about communication strategies.

Membership: Potential new members are Eric and Michele Rubright from Little Spring.

Community Services Committees:

Environment: The Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy Sanctuary Conservation easement has been finalized as referenced in an article in the *Loudoun Times Mirror*. A meeting of the tree planting committee was announced for August 6th.

Social Development:

Citizenship and Patriotism: Currently, 30 candidates are up for election in our district. We will sponsor a Candidates Meet and Greet, divided into two nights on October 1st and 15th, to provide an opportunity for the community to hear and ask questions of the candidates. We have sent out 30 emails and 30 letters inviting those running to attend our event; to date, we have received only a few responses. We may ask the League of Women Voters to provide a moderator, but if this is not possible, perhaps member J. Adams could officiate. We also need to make up some posters to advertise these meetings.

Ad Hoc Committees:

Nominating Committee: J. McKenzie, J. Adams, and P. Gustafson will comprise the nominating committee for officers and directors of the club for next year (2020). Pres. Gustafson moved that we amend the bylaws to state that anyone serving as President would serve for two years and as Vice President for one year. Motion approved.

Sip 'n' Social: This event will be held at Fabboli's Winery. The budget is \$2K. Note that this event has been rescheduled to September 17th from 7-9 pm. The Board agreed that this year, we would scale back the extent of the food offerings prepared by the ladies of Furnace Mountain Church to be finger foods only, as our budget for this year is \$800. We will use the Constant Contact email application for RSVPs.

Announcements:

1. The following funerals/memorials were held for club members who recently passed away:

- Carl Siebentritt, June 16, gathering of family and friends at Carl's home, memorial Mass, Aug. 31st
- Tom Howder, June 18, St. John the Apostle Catholic Church, Leesburg; Reception at LCC
- Ludlow Clark, June 22, Christ Church, Lucketts; reception at LCC

2. A meeting was held to debrief local residents about the sale or repurposing of the Lucketts Firehouse. Further information available on the Ruritan website.

3. The Lucketts Bluegrass Festival will take place on September 14 at the LCC. This event will be a fundraiser for the LCCAB.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary