



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—June 11th, 2019

Attending: Adams, Baker, A Benjamin, J Benjamin, Bond, Cleland, Ewell, Fabboli, Falk, Gustafson, Hart, Heykoop, Hillebrand, Logue, McKenzie, Menendez, Penaranda, Quitter, Deb Sackman, Den Sackman, Small, Stanley

Guests: Jessica Walker, Girl Scout Troop 751, Travis Worsham (Riverside on the Potomac), Karl Glaeser (Faith Like A Mustard Seed Farm), historian Eugene Scheel, Alicia Groncki (Keep Loudoun Beautiful), Kay Quitter, Mary Grace and Jim Lucier.

CTO: 7:30 P.M.

Pres. Gustafson welcomed our guests and thanked the ladies of Furnace Mt. Church for preparing the dinner. P. Baker gave the blessing before the meal.

C. Heykoop thanked the club for our support to Girl Scout Troop 751, which consists of 11 girls in elementary and middle school. This year the troop donated 136 birthday bags to needy children, prepared 97 dinners, and performed various environmental service projects, such as drain clearing, recycling, and water conservation. The troop also took trips to New York City and several National Parks.

Minutes. Minutes were tabled, due to time constraints.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was also tabled, due to time constraints. Interim reports sent via email. Checking account has \$27,613.33; our T. Rowe Price account has an assets total of \$211,096.92. Dues owed: \$440.

Program:

Our speaker for the evening was Eugene Scheel, local historian, mapmaker, and Catoctin District Planning Commissioner, whose topic was his latest map, American Indians of Loudoun County. He noted that he draws all his maps by hand. He also teaches history to County teachers. In 1972, Mr. Scheel took his first class to the Indian caves on Kensley Hill, owned by the Jeffries family. These caves were first excavated by the Northern Virginia Archeological Society, run by A. P. Johnson. Carbon dated implements retrieved from the caves were believed to be 9000 years old, and a surveyor's pipe dated to the early 18th century. The

Next Meeting

July 20th, 2019, 7:30 P.M.

Riverside on the Potomac

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Program: Our July meeting will be our annual combined club picnic with other Ruritan clubs in the area. The picnic will be on Saturday, July 20, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Riverside on the Potomac at the end of Lucketts Rd.

earliest Indians came to Loudoun about 11,000 years ago. At that time, the last ice sheet (called the Wisconsin glaciation) extended 100 miles north to central Pennsylvania. This was one of three ice sheets in North America. Scheel noted that we do not know where the prehistoric people came from but we do know that tribes that settled in the Catoctin and Bull Run mountains spoke the Algonkian language. A French Jesuit translated the Bible into the Algonkian and Iroquoian (Sioux) languages. In the 1950s, '60s, and '70s, a team of archeologists, which included Bill and Randy Rust (whose house is now the Rust Nature Center), recorded Indian sites along the Potomac and its tributaries. Artist John White documented these tribes, showing in his work that they grew corn, beans, squash, and vegetables and hunted fish. These Indians had a semi-nomadic lifestyle, as they moved their villages every six or seven years.

Evidence of these Sioux tribes comes from Capt. John Smith, who traveled up the Rappahannock River and captured the Indian named Mosco, who provided information on the Sioux, Mamaroneck, Powhatan, Iroquois, and Massawoman tribes. He told of Indians burning woods near Fredericksburg to track buffalo and other animals and leaving open savannah areas for hunting.

Historians think that the Iroquois used only one Potomac River crossing, near Point of Rocks, across the river islands. This crossing was also used as an escape route by slaves going north to Pennsylvania and Canada. To avoid the harsh New York winters, the Iroquois traveled south every fall to the Carolinas to meet up with their Tuscarora friends.

Scheel also spoke about the Susquehanna Indians who inhabited this area in the 1680s and '90s.

These tribes had fire power and stole the settlers' livestock. In 1677, in Albany, the colonists got the Iroquois, who lived near the Finger Lakes, to agree to a treaty stating that the tribes would migrate south. In 1684, in another treaty, the tribes agreed not to come near the plantations or the heads of navigable rivers, such as the area east of Great Falls and the falls of the Rappahannock River. In the third treaty of Albany, the tribes agreed not to migrate east of the Blue Ridge. In 1722, the Iroquois migrated along the Appalachian ranges, but no longer entered Loudoun County.

Two other smaller tribes that settled nearby are the Piscataway, who were fishermen, and the Tuscarora. The Piscataway left southern Maryland when it became too crowded and moved to Fauquier near Bull Run Mt. and the Glen Ora Plantation (where the Kennedys once lived) on the banks of the Little River. This Indian outpost had 80 bowmen to defend a village of about 350. This group eventually moved to Heaters Island off Point of Rocks and built a fort there. The Tuscarora, defeated by the British in North Carolina, were allowed to go to New York to merge with the Iroquois. It took seven years for the tribe to migrate from the Carolinas to New York. Scheel noted that his most recent map shows Indian villages and transportation routes, some sites still identifiable. Although we don't know which tribe built them, 54 fish traps can still be seen from Harpers Ferry to Harrisons Island in Leesburg. (George Washington dismantled the fish traps at Whites Ford). Scheel ended his talk by noting that the Indian caves property was donated to the state of Virginia. He stated that, although the best Indian mound can be seen at Tarara winery, the South Leesburg area Indians used rocks for their memorials and had different burial and ceremonial practices, probably due to the different soil types from those used on mounds.

New Business:

July Combined Club Picnic: To be held July 20 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Riverside on the Potomac, <https://riversideonthepotomac.com>. Host clubs include, Hamilton, Lucketts Lovettsville/Waterford, and Point of Rocks. Musical entertainment from 4 to 5 by local singer/songwriter Andrew McKnight, <https://www.andrewmcknight.net>.

Sip 'n' Social: This event will be held on September 17, 2019 at Fabboli's Winery.

Meet the Candidates: Event to be held on October 1st and 15th at Lucketts Community Center. Atwo night event will accommodate all candidates.

Old Business:

Donations: J. Adams made a motion to donate \$500 to the families' organization of choice, and flowers, in memory of the three club members who passed away in the past few weeks: tom Howder, Carl Siebentritt, and Ludlow Clark. Motion was passed.

The club also voted to honor Terry Jenkins and his wife, who died in an accident, by presenting the family with a framed photo.

Pres. Gustafson noted that the club could present a gift to the Worshams for the use of their property for the picnic. Nature and amount TBD.

T. Small reported that each of the four high school scholarship winners received \$3600 from our club.

Announcements:

1. C. Heykoop announced the next meeting of the Business Collaborative would be held at 48 Fields, the property owned by the Ewells.
2. Alica Groncki of Keep Loudoun Beautiful stated that the organization needs local area leaders to manage and monitor teams to clean up area roads and byways.
3. Jan Benjamin announced that her business is now open.

Pledge of Allegiance was said and the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary

June 2019 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting was held at the home of P. Gustafson 42230 Black Walnut Lane, Leesburg, VA 20176. CTO at 7:32 PM.

Minutes: To be sent out via email. Pres. Gustafson asked that draft minutes from the General Membership Meetings be sent out to the Board ahead of the Board meetings.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer D. Stanley provided an interim profit and loss financial report for the period Jan 1 through June 24, 2019. Total income was \$59,140.32 (primarily reflecting trash collections, parking, member dues, donations, and interest income); total expenses were \$35,213.56 (primarily reflecting compactor service costs, meeting meals and banquet costs, parking, national dues, donations, and grants), for a net income of \$23,926.81. Checking account has \$32,270.81; our T. Rowe Price account has \$204,547.01, for an assets total of \$25,3910.82. Treasurer's Report was accepted. A. Menendez noted that some 2018 donations from businesses were received in 2019, shown in the report accordingly.

Treas. Stanley reported that the annual Management and Budget Review showed that we are \$800 above the trash collection budget to date, \$3600 above the compactor service cost, \$1300 over the budgeted parking income, and \$13,375 over the budgeted income amount. In terms of our T. Rowe Price account, we had planned that a portion of the dividends endow our scholarships; however, at present, only about 5% can be used for this purpose. A. Menendez and P. Gustafson committed to estimating the needed funds for projects and including these in the budget.

P. Logue suggested that any member who brings a new member into the club pay the new member's dues for the first year. No action taken.

Pres. Gustafson announced that historian Eugene School sold 15 maps at our General Meeting and gave \$150 to our club as a donation.

Old Business:

Special Committee Reports:

Social Development/Youth Development: Scholarships for the four high school award

winners will be paid directly to the institutions when we receive the students' account information. P. Gustafson stated that our club could ask Tuscarora High School for information on vocational program students, who would also be eligible for our scholarship program.

Public Relations: We need final copy for *Lucketts News and Notes* by Thursday, June 27.

Public Services: Next parking is at Tarara Winery.

Standing Committee Reports:

Programs and Entertainment: We will ask Hilary Cooley of the LCC to invite a representative from the Bluegrass Program to speak at our August meeting. We have not yet booked speakers for the September, October, or November General Meetings. A. Menendez offered to approach representatives from TRI Corporation to talk about garbage gasification. A suggestion for September was to find a speaker on budgeting.

Membership: P. Logue reported on a meeting in Dublin, VA, attended by a dynamic, young, interested group, where she presented on our Sip 'n Social event in 2018. Board discussed the feasibility and benefit of continuing the Sip 'n Social here, since it cost the club upwards of \$2K. A. Menendez thought that this event is still worth trying, to recruit new members. P. Logue stated that a social media presence should do as much or more for the club as the Sip 'n Social. A. Menendez moved to hold the event again and M. Dunn added that we allot equal funding to this and to a social media presence on our website. This motion was passed. P. Logue noted that we need a communications plan, a way to connect people in Lucketts, and that we need a theme for the Sip 'n Social, perhaps our grant program. The Board ended this discussion by agreeing to move the Sip 'n Social to Sept. 17.

Finance: A. Menendez reported that 1) we show the membership a financial report; 2) we consider establishing an endowment fund, but leave our portfolio as is for now and revisit in September; 3) we will conduct a review of our books.

Citizenship and Patriotism: We will hold our Candidates Meet 'n Greet event on October 1st.

Ad Hoc Committees: Note new date and location of our annual picnic, now scheduled on July 20 at Riverside on the Potomac. invitations to out soon.

Hillsboro Club will not formally participate, but individual members may attend.

Announcements:

1. The District meeting will be held July 1 at 7:00 p.m. in Marshall, VA.
2. News and Notes deadline is June 27th.
3. A box to collect soft plastic bags and packaging is set up in the lobby at LCC. The TREX company will manufacture a bench from 50 lbs. of plastic. Members are encouraged to deposit plastic bags here instead of in the trash.
4. P. Baker's wife's sister passed away. We will send a card to the Bakers.
5. We have extra leather portfolios for distribution. Any member who does not yet have one can see P. Gustafson.
6. We need a new nominating committee chairman.
7. P. Logue presented a motion to start a Rudy Jr. club at Frances Hazel Reid Elementary School and to extend our student citizenship of the year award to that school also. Motion passed.
8. The next Board meeting will be held at M. Dunn's home at 42123 Cherry Spring Lane, Leesburg, VA, 20176

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary