

October 2020 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

CTO: 7:05 PM

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have suspended our regular monthly Membership Meetings. Our Board meetings since August (and for the months to follow) will be conducted via Zoom conference.

Attending: Dunn, Fauber, Gustafson, Logue, Menendez, Penaranda, Stanley

Minutes: The October Minutes were accepted with no corrections. Minutes are available on the Ruritan website.

Treasurer's Report: D. Stanley provided a financial report for October. We had over \$40K in our checking account (up \$3600). Our T. Rowe Price account had \$270,096.24 (up \$12K), for a current assets total of \$310,080.50. Don noted that this is the first month in our new fiscal year. He also noted that September marks the first month with our new trash contract, which increases our costs by 6%. Net income for the month was \$11,697.89, from trash receipts and investment gain. Financial Report was accepted.

Don also reported that our tax return is due on November 15; the Finance Committee reviewed and approved the return and the Board also approved the return. Don will file accordingly.

Compactor/Recycling Subcommittee Report:

P. Gustafson reported that we now have newly painted recycling bins, with correctly labelled doors and decals that list what is/is not allowed for recycling. We also have new recycling guideline sheets on a rip-off pad for easy access by patrons, and a 24" x 36" poster with the same information prominently displayed. This information reflects Covid-19 guidelines and will remain current until the pandemic situation changes. P. Gustafson noted that he obtained two new tipping fee waiver cards, and that our waiver is good for two more years. After discussion, the Board determined that three bins and cards are not needed. However, our contact, T. Hayes, has obtained a third bin for the holidays. The county is participating in a pilot program to separate glass items for crushing for use as a layer in the landfill or to provide to Fairfax County for use as an aggregate or filler for roads or

construction. We may participate in this program in the future, but have not made a final decision.

Investment Policy and General Fund Distribution Policy Discussion:

P. Logue reported that J. Adams led a group of long-term club members to review our designated Scholarship Fund and recommend updates. They focused on how best to liquidate gains and apportion activity between designated and undesignated funds. Recommendations were to use the gain from \$200K of our investment account to fund scholarships and to segregate the account into scholarships and undesignated categories. We will document this position on our website and move toward an endowment structure.

Proposed Agenda for Future Meeting with County Supervisor Caleb Kershner and Board of Education Member John Beatty:

This initiative is to familiarize these officials with our club. The Board decided to schedule separate meetings with these individuals, Kershner first. We will send an agenda in advance and rank the issues for discussion, focusing on three. Priority discussion topics are Rt. 15, rural broadband, and proposed roadway and access changes to the village of Lucketts. We will develop an issues paper that addresses key points to provide to Kershner and Beatty before the meeting.

The Board also discussed these additional issues: the several million dollar buyout by the county to eight Selma homeowners because of severe flooding of their homes, which were built on a floodplain; the need for careful and adequate environmental studies before issuance of building permits; and the environmental risks to land adjacent to Rt. 15 that will inevitably occur if Rt. 15 is widened or changed significantly and that preserving the environment should be above politics.

Update on Lucketts News & Notes:

P. Logue reported that the publication of the newsletter will be delayed to enable the inclusion of an article about the Boy Scouts and the LCCAB. Also, we are not advertising Community Development Grants in the newsletter until we talk to potential community donors.

General Membership Voting on Various Motions:

The Board approved motions to accept the 2021 budget, financial procedures, and requirements for managing the GiveChoose donation.

News from Stan Sorrell:

Stan wants to continue to be a member of the club, even though he is now living in Winchester. P. Gustafson sed him a charter member pin.

Committee Assignments for Next Year:

Pres. Menendez will circulate last year's assignments for review by members. Anyone who wishes to change their membership on any committee can make a change and notify Al.

Announcements:

1. Members Jan and Andy Benjamin are moving and have submitted their resignations to the club.
2. Debbie and Dennis Sackman are recovering from illness; both are now well on the way to recovery.
3. S. Hillebrand reminds members to make donations to the club on Amazon Smile when doing online holiday shopping. As a 5013c organization, we are eligible to receive donations in this way. Treasurer Stanley will administer our Smile account. The Board approved the donation of funds received to our local Boy Scout troop.
4. The November Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 1, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The format is a Zoom meeting; all are welcome to attend. Contact P. Logue if interested.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary