

April 2021 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

CTO: 7:00 PM

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have suspended our regular monthly Membership Meetings. Our Board meetings will be conducted via Zoom conference.

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

Minutes: The March Minutes were accepted with several minor corrections. Minutes are available on the Ruritan website.

Treasurer's Report: D. Stanley provided a financial report for April. We had \$37,481.30 in our checking account; our T. Rowe Price account had \$304,519.24, for a current assets total of \$341,729.54 (up \$11K). Net income for the year so far was \$43,147.93. We received \$1,000 from Morven Park for parking, some of which we share with other clubs who assisted during the event. We had an expenditure of \$5,500 for the expanded issue of the spring newsletter, plus \$200 for mailing. We have received \$600.00 in member dues. Trash receipts continue to be on track. We have dispersed \$32K in grants so far since October. Financial Report was accepted.

Compactor/Recycling Subcommittee Status Report:

P. Gustafson reported that trash continues to go well in general, but recycling is still often an issue. He reached out again to Tony Hays, our PoC, about obtaining a third container for recyclables, but did not receive a response; the issue is the requirement to move the bins each week since we do not have a permanent site for them.

Peter also announced that M. Ferreira has resigned from the task of scheduling the trash rotation, as she is stepping back to an At Large status. Peter will send out an email to ask for a volunteer to take over this job. (Later this month, he received a response from Karen Price, who has agreed to take over the trash schedule. Thank you, Karen!) He noted that the schedule becomes a weekly issue if people switch their assigned position, so we encourage members to confirm their email addresses to make sure communications are received and accurate going forward.

Scholarship Fund Status:

The subcommittee looked reviewed the options for the Community Foundation to manage our funds, but the recommendation is that we not do this because we lose control of the money, the return is low, and we would not be protected from any potential legal action. Pres. Menendez, J. Adams, and P. Logue met to discuss these issues and developed four motions for Finance Committee approval. The committee is preparing a recommendation that we segregate our scholarship funds from the general funds in our T. Rowe Price account to enable the investment of these monies differently and more flexibly. P. Baker provided a formula for accessing the realized gain, to be applied once a year in July to enable planning of the scholarship fund for the next year in the budget process.

Committee Assignments for Next Fiscal Year:

P. Logue proposed a new committee structure for FY 2022 to help develop the budget. The recommendation is to establish several standing committees, overseen by the Board, to run the club, supported by the subcommittees. Standing committees include Finance, Membership, Public Relations, Program, and Membership. Beside these are the Objectives and Public Service committees, also reporting to the Board, which include subcommittees Social Development, Environment, Public Service, Business and Professional, and Citizenship and Patriotism. Pat also proposed new rules for committee membership, which included: 1) that every club member participate in one standing committee and one or two other committees, if possible and according to individual interest; 2) The Board would be responsible for orienting new members to the committees and structure and for encouraging participation; 3) An individual needs to be an active member for one full year before serving on the Finance Committee or the Club's Board of Directors; and 4) Committee Chairs need to be identified and in place by June 30th each year so they can actively contribute to the Club's Annual Budget Process. Next steps are to identify and secure Chairs for all committees and secure a commitment to lead through Calendar Year 2022.

New Sources of Funding:

New funding sources for our committees may include grants from Loudoun County, as we have

learned that last year, \$1.8M in grants was distributed to non-profits in the county last year.

General Membership Meeting on May 11:

We will hold an in person general membership meeting at Fabboli Cellars on Spinks Ferry Rd. on May 11, starting at 7:00 pm. The ladies of Furnace Mountain Church will provide light finger food.

Proposed Meeting with Xelevate:

This meeting is to obtain additional information about the planned drone training facility being established on a property on Taylorstown Rd. Interested neighbors and surrounding landowners are encouraged to attend. Because this project is already in progress, the purpose of this meeting is for Xelevate and Loudoun County, via our Supervisor Kershner, to communicate with interested groups to keep everyone informed. Possible venues include the Community Center or Faith Chapel.

Background Information: A training facility for drone operations is being developed on a property on Taylorstown Rd. Apparently, this property was purchased by Scott Kuhn (son of Chuck Kuhn), of Airmont Properties, who sold it to Treetop Properties. A company called Xelevate is developing this training site. Concerned neighbors are looking at the possible noise and safety issues associated with this project, but no further information is available at this time.

Announcements:

1. The Club's annual picnic will be held at the home of Pres. Al Menendez on St. Clair Lane on Saturday, June 5th. A swimming pool will be available, with a lifeguard.
2. We prepared and delivered a Certificate of Appreciation to Hilary Cooley, who has retired as Director of the LCC. No news yet as to her replacement.
3. We are trying to obtain additional information about the well drilling and water extraction project at Droumavalla Farm on Spinks Ferry Rd. We have contacted attorneys Beth McClain and Elizabeth Vaughn, who have proposed setting up a non-profit organization dedicated to community issues of mutual interest. Resources and groups with whom we may be able to collaborate may include the Catocin Rural Alliance and others.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary