

September 2021 - General Meeting Minutes

CTO: 7:45 PM

Now that COVID-19 has eased, we are resuming our regular monthly Membership and Board Meetings. Meeting venues will be announced each month. This month's meeting was held at Fabboli Vineyards, beginning at 7:00 pm for socializing before the meeting.

Note: Secretary Penaranda could not attend this meeting, as she was recovering from hip surgery. VP P. Logue took meeting minutes.

Attending: Adams, Cleland, Fabboli, Falk, Hart, Logue, Maruca B and F, Menendez, Moffett, Quitter, Scott

Welcome: Guests: Cindy Kohler, prospective new member; Doug Wall, guest of Peter Hart; and Angela Febles, guest of Ian Moffett

John Adams gave the convocation and thanked Doug Fabboli of Fabboli Vineyards and the meeting organizers.

Peter Hart introduced guest Doug Wall and noted that he learned about a local foundation that recycles musical instruments to local children in need, the Witt Black Foundation. Mr. Wall shared the following information with the group.

- Doug lives in Lucketts and is a friend to Peter Baker and Peter Gustafson.
- He performs with the group, Liberty Street and recently attended a fundraising event for this foundation.
- Witt Black was a well-known Loudoun County guitarist who died tragically in 2017. His family established a foundation in his memory that recycles used musical instruments (primarily guitars) to local youth along with volunteers who provide instruction on the instrument to each child.
- He is helping the foundation to submit a Community Development Grant to the Club.
- He is interested in becoming a member and plans to attend another meeting.

Minutes: Minutes from earlier meetings will be circulated and posted on our website when available.

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Treasurer's Report: D. Stanley was not in attendance but had circulated the current financials in advance of the meeting by email. Al offered to take questions, but there were none from members in attendance.

Induction of New Member

Barbara Scott introduced Cindy Kohler, who has completed her application for Membership, met with Gary Mears, and fulfilled all preliminary steps for Club Membership. Pres. Menendez placed her name in a Motion for Acceptance as a Club Member, which was seconded by J. Adams and approved by unanimous consent of the members present.

Approval of 2021-2022 Budget

Document Attached. P. Logue reviewed the FY 2022 Budget, which had been circulated to members by e-mail in advance of the meeting. She reviewed key changes from prior years:

- With policies now in place to draw funds from our Investment Accounts, the full amount available from the Scholarship Fund by approved distribution formula is being taken into income to fund the 2022 Scholarships.
- The shortfall between planned Income and applying the amount needed from the anticipated Cash Carry Forward from FY21, which will end September 30th, covered planned Expense.
- No distributions will be taken from the General Fund at this time, although these remain available if needed.
- Meeting Meals and Facility Rental have been combined into one expense category.

John Adams entered a Motion that the Budget be approved as submitted to Membership by the Board and Finance Committee. Pres. Menendez seconded the Motion, which passed by unanimous approval of those present.

Approval of 2021-2022 Committee Assignments

P. Logue reviewed a document showing the current and planned 2022 Leadership teams for Standing and Public Service Committees and the Sub-Committee leaders for the Social Development activities. The Club still needs a member to take over the Fellowship Committee in

2022. All in attendance were encouraged to approach the Committee chairs directly if they are interested in joining a specific Committee.

Pres. Menendez moved that the Committee Leaders for 2022 be approved as submitted; motion was seconded by John Adams and approved by all in attendance

Updates

- Existing Firehouse
 - J. Adams reported that an Ad Hoc Committee that included himself, A. Menendez, and P. Hart are meeting with the Volunteer Fire Company regarding the future planning for their building and confirmed that the LVFC wants to make the building available to serve the community in the future.
 - J. Adams drafted a Concept Plan outlining a working relationship between our Club and the LVFC to plan for the building's future use and operation. The goal of the Concept Plan is to provide a framework where the LVFC would maintain ownership of the building, while the Lucketts Ruritan Club would become an active partner in planning and managing future community use. The Club's Board reviewed and approved the Concept Plan and submitted it to the LVFC through Mr. Mike Donatelli.
 - J. Adams described our role as the catalyst needed to help the LVFC attend to the many issues involved in future use of the building by the Lucketts community.
- Compactor and Recycling News
 - P. Logue reported that K. Price has now put the weekly duty schedule online through the Club website. Members can activate a link on the site that connects to the live document Karyn manages to address changes in the weekly schedule from switches made by members.
- Future General Membership Meeting Locales
 - Pres. Mendez reported that future meetings will continue at Fabboli Cellars until the winter months, when we will return to the Community Center. The Board is evaluating additional possible meeting sites. The group discussed the possibility of

holding our Annual Meeting on a weeknight this year. With COVID-19 still impacting large gatherings, there is a concern about committing to a caterer for a Saturday event, as those contracts often involve deposits and penalties for cancellation. Although the group was open to moving the annual event, those present entered no formal Motion for a vote.

- Annual Report on Club's Community Activities
 - Pres. Menendez will submit the annual Report of Service Hours to Ruritan National and will send reminders to the Committee Chairs to report their service hours.
- Ruritan/LWC partnership for the pond clean-up at JK Black Oak Wildlife Sanctuary
 - B. Scott reported that the date for the clean-up has been set for November 6th from 8:30 until 11:30AM. We need 25 to 30 volunteers and several pick-up trucks to haul debris to our Saturday Trash operation from Black Oak. We have contacted Troop 1910 and the Tuscarora Key Club contacted to involve as many Lucketts youth as possible.

Pledge of Allegiance was said, and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary

September 2021 – Board of Directors’ Meeting Minutes

Now that COVID-19 has eased, we are resuming our regular monthly Membership and Board Meetings. Meeting venues will be announced each month. This September BOD meeting was held on Sept. 28th at D. Stanley’s home.

CTO: 7:15 pm

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

Minutes: August Minutes and those from earlier meetings are available on the Ruritan Club website.

Treasurer’s Report: D. Stanley provided a financial report for September. We had \$50,309.05 in our checking account (a milestone to reach over \$50K!); our T. Rowe Price account had \$326,703.95, for a current assets total of \$376,742.00. Don again noted that we are probably carrying too high a balance in our checking account, but again, no final decision was made on this issue. Don reported that compactor expenses are \$23K less than budgeted, and as September is the end of our fiscal year, we will carry forward about \$10K. The Board approved the Treasurer’s Report.

Compactor/Recycling Subcommittee Status Report: P. Gustafson reported no issues. We have a new truck operator, Van, who is doing an excellent job!

Future General Membership Meetings and Awards Banquet: We will again hold our next General Membership Meeting at Fabboli Vineyards. The Board discussed holding the annual banquet on a weekday (Tuesday evening) as a regular club meeting. We will ask the membership to vote on this option at the next General Membership Meeting in October. The Board also discussed potential speakers for the October General Membership Meeting, such as a representative of the VFW organization, a representative from Tarara Winery (peter Huber), or someone to speak about native plants.

Old Firehouse Status Report: Our representatives will attend a meeting tomorrow

at the firehouse to discuss the upcoming meeting with the County Board of Supervisors on October 5th.

Approval of Recommendation by GiveChoose Committee for Donation to Smarts Mill School for Outdoor Class

Project: P. Logue stated that 2020 donations to GiveChoose were to go for Covid-19 relief. Half of our donation did go to Loudoun Cares for emergency assistance; however, since we did not receive any applications for assistance, so we got some monies back. Will Waldman at Smarts Mill School sent us the cost for outdoor furniture for an outdoor classroom project. The Board moved to approve a donation from our club for \$3K toward the cost of this project from funds remaining from last year’s budget for community grants. P. Logue will talk with Committee Chair T. Small about the grant process going forward and how best to handle these kinds of requests.

Briefing on Contact with VFW: P. Logue led a discussion on raising funds to support veterans and associated projects. (It was noted that the VFW has a building near Rust Library). One project is to receive nominations of local veterans to receive 21 flags to be placed in a V-shape on their lawn to signify a 21-gun salute, organized and conducted by a local veterans’ organization. The Board determined that this project should be coordinated with the veterans’ group through our Citizenship and Patriotism Committee. P. Logue will talk to committee chairman C. Bond about how best to do this and about possibly distributing flyers at trash.

Fall Newsletter: P. Logue reported that the production team for *Lucketts News & Notes* met via Zoom to discuss the content of the fall newsletter. She distributed a list of the approved articles for inclusion in the next issue.

Community Service Hours: Pres. Menendez submitted our report on our community service hours to Ruritan National for 2020-2021. He noted we will receive a Gold award for Community Service and a Silver award for Citizenship. The Board authorized Al and Do to sign off on this report.

Miscellaneous:

1. The Board approved a donation of \$100 in memory of member Wayne Bevan to the charity selected by the family
2. The Treasurer sent the previously approved donation to the family of member Bob Demery.
3. We need volunteers for parking at the Lucketts Antique Fair to be held at the fairgrounds in Berryville Oct. 15-17.
4. We need volunteers for the Nov. 6th cleanup day at the JK Black Oak Wildlife Sanctuary pond, in coordination with the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy. If interested, contact Barbara Scott

Announcements:

1. Xelevate will hold an open house at the new drone training facility on Taylorstown Rd. on October 10th. See their website for details.

Adjourned 9:20 pm

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary

