

## February 2022 - General Meeting Minutes

CTO: 7:00 PM

**Due to the new COVID-19 omicron variant, we conducted this month's Membership meeting virtually via Zoom. Going forward, we will announce meeting arrangements and venues each month.**

**Attending:** Adams, Baker, Dunn, Ewell, Fauber, Frankenfield, Gustafson, Kohler, Logue, McKenzie, McLain, Mears, Menendez, Moffett, Neeley, Penaranda, Price, Quitter, Scott, Small, Stanley, Tassi

**Welcome:** Guests: Amy Ulland from Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy; Karen Anderson from Friends of the Shenandoah River

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

**Treasurer's Report:** D. Stanley reported that we have \$13,127.35 in our checking account and \$330,215.30 in our T. Rowe Price Investment account 343,071.65, for an assets total of \$365,867.20. Don reminded us that as a result of our transfer of funds from our checking account to our investment account and our separation of our investments into several categories, our investments now show: Scholarship Fund (44% of investment) \$145,294; General Fund (45.3% of investment) \$149,587; Opportunity Fund (10.7% of investment) \$35,333. He also noted that we will soon move our investment account to Vanguard.

### Program

Amy Ulland of Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy and Karen Anderson of Friends of the Shenandoah River presented their program to monitor water quality in Lucketts as part of the Black Oak Wildlife Sanctuary preservation project. These environmental groups are collaborating to conduct a water monitoring program to improve the quality of water in Lucketts. The two immediate project activities are collection of water samples from various streams across Lucketts, and providing testing for local private well water. Our Environmental Committee will work with LWC and FSR to share information about their work with the Lucketts community. Contact for Amy Ulland is [aulland@loudounwildlife.org](mailto:aulland@loudounwildlife.org).

### BUSINESS MEETING

#### New Member

The membership voted Julie Tassi into the club as a new member. Julie was sponsored by Steve Hillebrand. Welcome, Julie!

#### Update on Lucketts Community Center

Paige Neeley, Manager of the Lucketts Community Center, stated that in-person meetings are now approved at LCC. Masks are optional. She also reported some new programs, aimed at school-age children and adults. Some activities are planned in coordination with the Old Waterford School in an effort to expand programming by sharing resources. Other upcoming events include another DMV visit to LCC and a free evaluation session for Lucketts residents by Loudoun Audiology.

#### Update on Catoctin Rural Alliance

Beth McLain reported that the goal of the group is to monitor the well drilling issue on Spinks Ferry Rd., as well as any other local activities that pose threats to the agricultural and residential environment. The group is planning to incorporate as a 501(c)3 but needs a President, Treasurer, and members with relevant expertise to contribute before taking that step.

#### Upcoming Parking Events

Ian Moffett reported five scheduled events: two dates for the Lucketts Antique Fair (May 21-22 and Oct. 14-16); two Morven Park horse events (April 1-3 and Oct. 5-9); and the Leesburg Garden Club event, Apr. 24-25. We will work with other clubs and the Knights of Columbus as needed. Sign up to help online through SignUp Genius.

#### Update on Rt. 15

Pres. Logue reported that some of the members of the LC Board of Supervisors and LC Planning Commission met with community members at Roots on Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Journey Through Hallowed Ground assisted with organizing the event. (A similar meeting was organized by interested organizations, businesses, and Lucketts citizens last fall.) Individuals and organizations from the community presented concerns about how the widening of Rt 15 through the Village of Lucketts will impact the local community. The Planning Commission is currently considering can

amendment to the County's Comprehensive Plan that would allow for major changes to Rt 15 between Montresor Road and the Point of Rocks Bridge. Pres. Logue made a presentation to the attendees and sent a letter on behalf of the Club asking the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission to prepare a Small Area Plan for the Village of Lucketts as part of the county's Rt. 15 Improvement project.

### **Committee Updates**

Pres. Logue reported the following updates: A. Menendez will chair the Membership Committee; M. Dunn will chair the Public Relations Committee. Pres. Logue and D. Stanely will conduct a Zoom meeting with all committee chairs to discuss budgets and requests for funding. T.Small, chair of the new Grants subcommittee will look for new grant opportunities. Pres. Logue and R. Cleland will meet with the principal of Tuscarora High School to discuss our scholarship program and how we can help THS students.

### **Miscellaneous**

A. Menendez will meet again with the volunteer firemen to present them with additional ideas for uses of their building going forward. The firemen are currently cleaning out the building and will soon put a new name on the building.

Pledge of Allegiance was said, and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

*Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary*

## **February 2022 – Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes**

**A Special Meeting of the Lucketts Ruritan Club Board of Directors was called on February 1, 2022, via Zoom, to authorize individuals to act on behalf of the Club regarding the Club's two investment accounts.**

President Patricia Logue moved that Peter Baker, in his capacity as Advisor to the Club Finance Committee, and Don Stanley, in his capacity as Club Treasurer, be authorized to act in matters pertaining to the Scholarship Fund and the General Fund, to be placed with Vanguard as the custodian of these accounts.

Vice President Mike Dunn seconded this motion.

Motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Meeting was adjourned, as there was no further action before the Board at this time.

### **SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**Note: Due to a scheduling conflict, the Board conducted the February BOD meeting on March 1, at the home of Pres. Logue.**

CTO: 7:16 pm

**Attending:** Cleland, Dunn, Fauber, Hart, Logue, Menendez, Penaranda, Ruth, Stanley

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

**Treasurer's Report:** D. Stanley provided a financial report for February 2022. We had \$16,059.04 in our checking account and \$323,884.95 in our T. Rowe Price account: Scholarship Fund (44%) - \$142,509; General Fund (45.3%) - \$146,720 Opportunity Fund; (10.7%) - \$34,655, for an assets total of \$339,672.99. We received \$3,355 in dues; Don noted that many members are paying ahead rather than quarterly or monthly. He noted that we have not received the monthly bill from WB Waste Solutions (formerly Bates Trucking.) Miscellaneous expenses included our post office box rental and the cost for mailing the postcards about submissions for our scholarships. The Board accepted the Treasurer's Report.

**Update on Taxes and Boy Scouts**

D. Stanley reported that the deadline for filing Federal taxes has been extended six months to November.

The Club was notified that the Boy Scouts of America have made progress toward finalizing their settlement.

**Update from Environment Committee**

M. Dunn reported for B. Scott, who could not be present. The Committee is working on a plan for a Community Garden to be located close to the new fire house if possible.

Other updates from this committee included a road cleanup on Montresor Rd. and a planned tour of the JK Black Oak Wildlife Sanctuary.

**Update on Meeting with Principal Croft at Tuscarora High School**

R. Cleland reported a meeting with Principal Croft and Vice Principal Reed at THS. They learned that one-third of the students qualify for no or reduced pay lunches. Two issues emerged from this meeting: 1) that our club consider financial need in our evaluation of scholarship applications. We asked this year for inclusion of the SAR data collected by the school or that the student provide this information in their essay. 2) We need to determine how to reach students not planning to attend a two-year community college or trade school instead of a four-year school. The committee will consider separate applications/processes for two-year schools and technical certification programs. He also noted the high school representatives were encouraged to apply for funds through our Grants program.

**Update on Grant Committee Work and Tuscarora High School Grant**

T. Small presented a grant request by the Tuscarora High School baseball team in the amount of \$2000 for a pitching machine to facilitate the team's practice and skillbuilding. The Board passed a motion to approve this grant; we will sign the MOU and present a check to the school.

**Update From Rappahanck District Meeting**

A. Menendez reported that only eight of 22 clubs attended this meeting, noting that some clubs are fading as their membership decreases. The new national director is apparently very enthusiastic

and dynamic and is advocating recruitment as the national theme for this year.

**Update on Firehouse Project**

Mike Donatelli, representing the volunteer firemen, noted that they support the use of the field behind the firehouse for local youth baseball teams but that the field does not belong to the firehouse. It is owned by the County.

**March Membership Meeting Plan**

Pres. Logue announced that the March membership meeting will be held at the LCC in the auditorium, with a smart TV available. Food will be provided by Soho Pizza. Pat asked that our key committees have representatives available to provide information to attendees. The speaker for this meeting will be Paul Kreingold, Conservationist for the Izaak Walton League. He will discuss Potomac Marble and its significance in the restoration of the national Capitol building after the War of 1812. Paige Neeley, LCC Manager advised us that her supervisor will attend our March membership meeting to learn more about our community.

**Annual Picnic**

Our club's annual summer picnic will be held on Saturday, June 11, from 1 - 4 p.m. at the home of Al Menendez on St. Clair Lane; the swimming pool will be available again this year. The committee to manage this event is Al, Dennis Fauber, and P. Hart; others are welcome to volunteer to help.

**General Information Updates**

1. Meeting with the County on Lucketts recycling center at the firehouse: Pres. Logue and P. Gustafson had a virtual meeting with County staff and Stacy Carey, assistant to Supervisor, C. Kershner, to follow-up on the staff proposal from last fall. Staff agreed to table the consideration at this time because the Club's process is meeting current community needs.
2. Request from Ag in the Classroom to assist with Lucketts pilot: A group from the Farm Bureau at the state level wants to sponsor a pilot program at Lucketts Elementary School to provide a curriculum on agricultural topics. Introductions were

- made to the school principal and D. Fabboli agreed to become our POC for this effort.
3. New Virginia Majority Contact: Contacted the Club as a follow-up to the February 7<sup>th</sup> Community meeting. Their goal is to organize and advocate for under-represented people with their local government. They recently advocated against the sale of a trailer park within the Town of Leesburg on behalf of park residents.
  4. GiveChoose with Lucketts Pantry: The Pantry has set a \$24K goal for this year's campaign to purchase fresh produce for the Food Pantry families. Our club will serve as a passthrough for funds received through GiveChoose. Donors will be asked for \$300 to sponsor a Pantry Family's fresh produce needs for one year.
  5. Taylorstown Family in Need: We have learned of a woman who was impaled by a tree while driving in her car during a storm. Jim McKenzie was made aware and will be contacted for a recommendation a connection can be made with the impacted family.
  6. Mount Pleasant Baptist Church Preservation: We have learned Patrick Wayne Ambers has purchased the old Baptist Church on Bald Hill Road for the purpose of preserving and restoring the building to make it available as a community space. We will consider how we might help the new owner on this project.
  7. A nursing student at GW University's Ashburn campus contacted us for information about unmet medical needs in Lucketts as part of a class project. We referred her to local community leaders with insight to share. The student will provide the Club with a copy of the project findings.

Adjourned 8:45 pm

*Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary and Pat Logue, President*

