

**District Cabinet Meeting
April 20, 2008
Aboard the Vivian Hannah**

Governor Roy Maloy called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

John Northstein gave the invocation and led the group in the singing of America.

Governor Roy thanked the King George Club for hosting the District Cabinet meeting and thanked Stan Palivoda for use of the Vivian Hannah.

Governor Roy gave a short history on the Vivian Hannah and the ships owner.

Governor Roy read House Bill 11 which honored Grayson Balderson. The house bill was ratified by the House and Senate on January 17, 2008.

Bobby Burton, National Director, gave an update on events of Ruritan National. Bobby brought, greetings from Wayne Outlaw, Ruritan National President, the National Board and the Home Office. He reported that IT issues at Ruritan National have prompted National President Wayne to create an IT committee. Club Audit reports for January should be mailed shortly and the new RSIS system should be up by mid-May. Bobby also reported that a Risk Committee and a new Convention Committee are being formed. As of January 2008, Chesapeake District is down 8 members. National has developed a new membership brochure to search our new members. Founders Day is being celebrated May 16-18; 2008 is the 80th year for Ruritan and the 20th year for Rudy Bear. Ruritan National has scheduled the Youth conference July 11-13. 2009 National Convention registration fees have been increased to \$135.00 early/\$160.00 late.

Stephen Lambert, District Secretary, gave secretaries report. A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion passed.

Dave Clegg, District Treasure, reported that the district had \$8,731 expendable funds in the District Checking account. Treasurers report on file for audit.

Elliott Hogg reviewed the Chesapeake District Growth and Development plan (attached). Training, Appointing, Programming, Replacing, Assisting and Rewarding plans have been outlined. This information will be shared with Michael Chrisley and Walter Scott. An award will be given to the club with the most new members recruited.

Tom Foster gave an update on the National Foundation. Chesapeake District gave \$13,031 in fiscal year 2007. A listing of clubs that have/have not donated will be given to the Zone governors. Each Zone Governor will be asked to communicate to these clubs and ask them to consider putting the Foundation in their budgets for 2009.

Lloyd Hicks gave an update on American Patriot Conference. Forty-one delegates have been identified for the 2008 APC. Form deadlines have passed but the applications will still be accepted. Event would be held May 15-18 at Camp Hanover.

Otis Hall, Fundraising Chairman, gave an update on the Crab Feast, July 26th. The increasing cost and availability of crabs is concern. Zone/Club representatives are asked to get the word out about the event. Tickets go on sales May 1. Barry Shalowitz is handling tickets. A list of club workers should be sent to John Hadley by the July 1st (Johnh@ruffinpayne.com). Workers should report at 8:00AM. A Crab Feast planning meeting is scheduled for May 5th. Governor Roy reported that the Voting members of Cabinet will work the gate and work signup sheet will be distributed at the July cabinet meeting

Anita Clegg, Cruise Raffle Chair, gave an update on the District Cruise. Eight cabins have been sold to date and cruise cabins are still available. Reminders will be sent to all the clubs to return tickets or money. Zone Governors are asked to please remind all their clubs to sell or return the tickets. The deadline to return money or tickets is June 1st.

Pat Balderson, District Ad Sales Chair, gave an update on the District Convention Ad Sales. Pat thanked Dennis Smith and Charlie Bell for their assistance last year. Zone Governors were given packets to take to each of the clubs. Ads will cost \$100 for full page, \$50 for half page and \$30 for quarter page.

Laura Northstein, District Leadership Coordinator, reported on training. This year Community Service Reporting training will be scheduled prior to 10/1 to assist clubs in filling out the annual service reports. Zone Governors are asked to setup a Zone meeting to allow for this training.

Zone Governor Reports

Anne Watson, Zone 8 Governor, gave her report. Zone 8 has 194 members and 8 new members. The Grafton Ruriteen club purged its roles with a net loss of 8, but have been very active. They scheduled a concert with a musician from Kenya and raised \$3000.00. 4 clubs had new members. All clubs are at charter strength. Zone 8 meeting was held in February.

Peggy Morris, Zone 7 Governor, reported that one club is below charter strength. Clubs are very active.

Larry Carr, Zone 6 Governor, reported that only 3 club reports (out of 7) have been submitted to date. King George and Caroline is celebrating 70th anniversary. Port Royal club is celebrating 50th anniversary. No written report.

Bob Philips, Zone 5 Governor, reported on 4 clubs with a total membership at 70. Callao club is losing members due to age. Their fundraisers are still strong and the clubs have had articles in newspaper.

Richard Perry, Zone 4 Governor, reported that only 3 of 6 club reports have been completed. All clubs are strong. Ruriteens very strong and active.

Zone 3 currently doesn't have Zone Governor. Recruitment underway to find someone for this position. Governor Roy has been focusing visitation on the Zone 3 clubs. Clubs on Zone 3 appear to be strong.

Zone 2 Governor was not in attendance. Governor Roy reported that Anna Powers has been active in the Zone.

Zone 1 Governor not in attendance.

Franklin Jones gave an update on the District Convention. The 2008 location is the Crown Plaza, Williamsburg, VA. Any clubs or zones that wish to host a hospitality suite should contact Franklin. Zone/Clubs please talk up the convention to get attendance up. The 2009 District Convention will be

held at Crown Plaza but the dates will change 10/29-11/1. 2008 convention room rates are \$93.00. Governor Roy encouraged everyone to invite their entire club to the convention.

Betty Lee Stanley, Lt District Governor, thanked everyone for attending the cabinet meeting. Betty Lee reported that Ruritan is celebrating its 80th Anniversary this year and a BBQ cookout is being held at the Holland Club on May 16th. Lt Governor Betty asked that Ruritan focus on youth. She reported that approximately 2000 members are currently active as Youth Members or as part of a Ruriteen Club. Betty Lee thanked Lloyd Hicks and Ben Gregory for their work with American Patriot Conference.

District Governor Roy Maloy gave his report. To date, membership statistics for the District have not been received from Ruritan National, but we are looking forward to new national reporting system. Quarterly reports have started to come in but don't include membership statistics. About 50% of clubs have reported their quarterly report. Governor Roy asked clubs to look into the Blue Ribbon awards. Only 3 clubs got this in 2007 and others were probably eligible for the award. The summer leadership conference in Dublin is now looking for Zone Governors to attend as well. This year's conference is scheduled for June 12-14. Governor Roy reminded that all clubs need to submit the IRS Form 990 by May 15th. Please ask clubs to submit more information, pictures or articles to the Chesapeake Crab.

Governor Roy reported that the next District Cabinet meeting will be at the Varina Club for July 13th.

Gov Roy discussed the District Manual of Operations. Information in the Operations Manual is a little outdated. Governor Roy would like to have a committee together to review the manual and make updates to it. Governor Roy asked Charlie Bell, Otis Hall, and Elliott Hogge to head up the committee.

District Secretary Stephen will be gone in July and Jane Bell will serve as Secretary for the meeting.

All clubs were reminded that the District has a Rudy Bear costume for use by any of the clubs.

Richard Perry asked about mailing addresses for publications. Bobby Burton indicated all information should still go to Chris Pugh. This year the National summer magazine will be devoted more to the clubs.

Carson Stanley reported that National will not penalize clubs or the District for late reports due to the Audit reports being late to the Clubs.

Gov Roy led the group in the pledge of Allegiance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Lambert
Chesapeake District Secretary

