

**Chesapeake District Ruritan
President Meetings
February 10, 2008
Abingdon Ruritan Club**

2008 Chesapeake District Governor Roy Maloy called the meeting to order and welcomed all the attendees.

John Northstein, Chaplain and Song Leader, led the group in the singing of America and led the invocation.

Governor Roy thanked the Abingdon Ruritan club for hosting the Presidents meeting.

All attendees introduced themselves.

Governor Roy introduced Wayne Outlaw, National President, as keynote speaker. Wayne asked that we give "our very best effort" to our organization. To date Ruritan has had a 568 net gain in membership.

Elliott Hogge, Growth and Development Chair, spoke on growth and development programs. A program for member retention is available for presentation to clubs. Each Zone has a Growth and Development Coordinator available as a resource. Zone Governors will serve as GDC for zones that don't have one. Elliott urge the attendees to utilize these resources.

Tom Foster, Foundation Chairman, reviewed the orientation "cheat sheet" (inserted with minutes) covering the Ruritan National Foundation.

Lloyd Hicks, Youth Activities Coordinator, gave an update on the 2008 American Patriot Conference. The District Cabinet approved a change in location to Camp Hanover, Hanover County. To reflect increased expenses the cost has been increased to \$240 per attendee. Sponsorship forms from each sponsoring club are due back March 15, 2008. Youth Activity Committee members are available to put on a program covering the event. Lloyd also reported that a Youth leadership conference is being conducted by Ruritan National in July. Governor Roy asked that all presidents look at supporting the American Patriot Conference by sponsoring at least one attendee.

Laura Northstein, District Leadership Coordinator, spoke on the various training opportunities in the District. Laura thanked the attendees and host clubs for the 2007 round of club/officer training. Fifteen clubs had all four officers complete the officer training. Laura asked each President to look among their own clubs for future leaders for the District.

Otis Hall, Fund Raising and Crab Feast Chairman, spoke on 2008 fundraising activities. Ad sales, cruise/raffle have been very successful in the past. This money goes to directly support the District Convention. Crab Feast for 2008 is scheduled for July 26, 2008.

Governor Roy recognized Cleve Wright as 2008 National Foundation Trustee.

Anita Clegg, Cruise Raffle Chair, spoke on the District Cruise Raffle. An informational flyer was sent to club presidents in October, 2007. Reservations for the cruise need to be made by March 15th.

John Northstein, Chaplain and Song Leader, spoke on the Ruri-teen and Ruritan Youth Programs in the District. The mission is to create a supportive learning environment for youth. John asked that each club consider having at least two youth members. Youth dues are 3.75 per quarter. Actively involve these youth in the planning and execution of club activities. Ruritan clubs should also consider sponsoring a Ruri-teen club. The club should recruit two members to work with these Ruri-teen students.

Stran Trout, District Parliamentarian, spoke on parliamentary procedures. Stran recommended Roberts Rules of Order and Roberts Rules of Order in Brief. Ruritan National also produces a flyer with the basic running of a meeting. Parliamentary Procedures are designed to make club meetings run smoothly.

Jane Bell reported that 2008 is the 20th anniversary of Rudy Bear. She had attended a class at the national convention and Ruritan National is working on a publicity campaign tied to the 20th anniversary. Rudy Bear is used by emergency services and nursing homes.

Franklin Jones, Convention Chairman, gave an update on the 2008 District Convention. The 2008 Convention will be at the Crown Plaza on November 7-8. The Ruritan room rate will be \$86.00. Franklin reported there may be a change in location or date for the 2009 District Convention.

Bobby Burton, National Director assigned to Chesapeake District, thanked the District for invitation to the 2007 District Convention. Bobby gave an update on the 2009 National Convention. Bobby reviewed the AVR Spring Rally and asked the District to "Git 'er done!"

Betty Lee Stanley, District Lt Governor, thanked all the Presidents for attending the Presidents meeting today. "To do what we need to do, we must all work together." Betty reported that her three goals for 2008 visibility, receptivity, and responsibility.

Governor Roy thanked the attendees for giving of their Sunday afternoon. Name badges will be mailed out for District/Zone officers. Governor Roy reported that liability insurance has been reinstated at the National level. Governor Roy reminded clubs that the IRS form 990 needs to be submitted by all Ruritan Clubs. Governor Roy reminded the club presidents that the Boy Scout Jamboree is coming up in 2010. The District has presented pins/dog tags to the Boy Scouts in the past. Please consider setting aside funds for the 2010 event.

The meeting was adjourned with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Governor Roy.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Lambert", written in a cursive style.

Stephen Lambert
District Secretary