

Chesapeake District Joint Cabinet Meeting
January 11, 2009
2:00PM
Doswell Ruritan Club

Roy Maloy, District Governor, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

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

Governor Roy thanked the Doswell Ruritan Club for hosting the Cabinet meeting.

Governor Roy presented a gift of appreciation to Pete Arnett, Newsletter Editor.

Governor Roy outlined the purpose of the Joint Cabinet meeting and introduced the head table. Attendees at each table introduced themselves.

Stephen Lambert, District Secretary, gave the Secretary's report.

Dave Clegg, District Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report.

Betty Lee Stanley, Lt District Governor and 2009 District Governor, read a report from Elliott Hogge, Growth and Development Chair. Ruritan National reported our membership down 22 for 2009. These numbers don't include two new clubs (Ferrington/William and Mary) that are forming. District membership counts are higher than 1/1/2008.

Tom Foster, Foundation Chair, indicated that the 2009 District goal for donating to the Foundation is \$14,000 (by clubs). Please consider the Foundation during the budgetary cycle.

Lloyd Hicks, Youth Activities Coordinator, reported American Patriot Conference will be held at Camp Hanover \$260 per delegate. Sponsorship forms need to be in by March 14th. Attendee names will be due by April 17th.

Otis Hall, Fundraising Chairman, reported that District raised over \$17,000 last year. Each of the 2009 Committees have already met at least once. 2009 District Cruise has been cancelled due to lack of ticket sales.

Cleve Wright, Cruise Raffle Chair, reported that the 2009 Cruise Raffle is continuing. Tickets have been given to each of the clubs and will be discussed at the President's meeting in February.

Nelson Pruden, District Ad Sale Co-Chair, reported that the District Ad Sale is kicking off for 2009. Nelson suggested that we cut down the number of books that are printed (650 last year). This will cut the printing costs more than in half. Print charges were \$3300 last year.

Carson Stanley, National Director and 3rd Year Director, reported that the Youth Leadership Conference will be held July 10-12, for a cost of \$125/attendee at Smith Mountain Lake.

Laura Northstein, Leadership Development Coordinator, reported that the District held 4 Community Service training sessions.

Zone Governor Reports:

Zone 1 – Zone Governor not in attendance.

Zone 2 – Melvin Mathews, Lt Zone Governor, reported that all the clubs are in good standing with good leadership. He is looking forward to serving as Zone Governor for 2009.

Zone 3 – Zone Governor not in attendance.

Zone 4 – Richard Perry, Zone Governor, reported that clubs appear to be intact with membership gains/losses equal.

Zone 5 – Zone Governor not in attendance.

Zone 6 – Larry Carr, Zone Governor, reported that Zone has several club anniversaries. Zone 6 has a 12 year old member. There are currently seven clubs in Zone. One club is currently under charter strength (by one member).

Zone 7 – Peggy Morris, Zone Governor, reported that they have 10 clubs (1 Ruriteen, 9 Adult clubs). Zone 7 welcomed the newest club (Farrington club) to our District and the Zone. Zone has grown by 2 new members.

Zone 8 – Ann Watson, Zone Governor, reported the Zone Governor's job is a great job. All clubs (6 Adult, 1 Ruriteen) in Zone above charter. Two Zone meetings held during 2008. \$442 was raised for OWC at Convention.

Franklin Jones, District Convention Chair, thanked all the members for "talking up" the 2008 Convention. Even with competition from Urbana Oyster Festival, attendance was up. Convention dates for 2009 for October 30-31.

Bobby Burton, National Director, reported that National Convention is scheduled for Jan 22-25 in Myrtle Beach, SC. Winter magazine has a listing of the candidates for National Offices. Audit numbers for our District show slow growth. District currently has 54 Clubs with 1677 members (on the books at Ruritan National).

Governor Roy reported that the new Farrington club is an evening club meeting at Farrington Fire House. William & Mary club is scheduled to meeting in February for charter night.

Charlie Bell, 1st Year Director, discussed changes to the Chesapeake District Manual of Operations (changes included in minutes). A motion was made and seconded to accept changes in their entirety. Motion passed. Hardcopies will be made for all the voting members of the District Cabinet.

Governor Roy reported that Dale Jameson reviewed the "old" Rudy Bear outfit and will make efforts to repair/updated it.

Governor Roy reported that one of the Memorial Service flag stands was broken at the District Convention. A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Aubrey Mitchell \$43.05 to cover the expense. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to replace the second set of flag stands for \$43.05 so the two stands will match. Motion passed.

Discussion was held about the condition of the Memorial Flags. A motion was made and seconded to have the flags cleaned. Motion passed.

Governor Roy reported that the District had a great year and a great cabinet. Spirits have been very high throughout the District. Several clubs appear to be behind on their finances. Please ask clubs to review their books. Ruritan National is looking at some much needed capital improvements (parking lot, building insulation, new windows, and sidewalk improvements). Ruritan National is setting up a Capital Improvement fund and is asking for donations from members, clubs and districts. The District has two Memorial Lights for use in the District. National Convention is scheduled for January 22-25 and Roy is running for National Director. Roy thanked the District for their help throughout the year and for all their hard work. Roy then turned the gavel over to Betty Lee.

Betty Lee Stanley, 2009 District Governor, offered a few words. Betty Lee thanked Roy for his service in 2008. Betty Lee thanked the 2008 Cabinet for its work and the 2009 Cabinet for its commitment to serve. Betty Lee believes that success in 2009 will depend on our ability to: Create a vision (Club and District), Improve our communication, and collectively support district events. The 2009 president's meeting is scheduled for 2/8 at 2:00 at the Abingdon Ruritan Club.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned with the Pledge of Allegiance.