

Chesapeake District Ruritan
Minutes of Cabinet Meeting April 13, 2003

The Chesapeake District Ruritan joint cabinet meeting was held Sunday April 13, 2003 at the Italian Kitchen Restaurant on Lee Davis Road, Mechanicsville, Virginia. District Governor Grayson Balderson called the meeting to order at 1 P.M. In the absent of Chaplain and Song leader Norman Sulser, Roy Farmer lead the group in singing one verse of American and the invocation. Lunch consisted of pizza and a salad.

District Governor Balderson welcomed the members. A count of the members by the secretary indicated a quorum was present

The secretary was called to read the minutes of the December 7,2002 cabinet meeting and the president meeting held March 16, 2003. The minutes of the December 7, 2002 meeting were accepted as mailed previously to the cabinet. The March 16, 2003 President meeting minutes were amended to reflect that the 2003 budget was presented and adopted as presented by the District treasurer Alvin Loving.

District treasurer Alvin Loving passed out the treasurer's report, including income and expense for the period January 1 2003 through April 12, 2003, showing a combined balance checking and saving of \$46,025.99 .

District Governor Balderson reported that the District membership was declining and asked members to work to reverse those figures. He also asked zone governors and secretaries to get their reports in on time.

District Lt. Governor Tom Watson spoke to the cabinet on what was happening in the district He stressed the importance of making up meeting and to make sure they were reported to Ruritan National.

Zone Governor's reports were made by Zone 1-2-3-4-6-7-8. Zone Governor Patsy Bryan for zone 5 was not in attendance. No report was forwarded for the Zone. All governors except for Zone 8 indicated all club were up to charter strength. Ann Watson, Zone 8 Governor reported one club below charter strength in her zone but she felt good about the club being able to get back to charter strength in the near future.

Laura Northstein, National Director's report being two pages long and loaded with information is being attached as part of the District minutes. Please note the registration fee for the National Convention in January 2004 will be \$112.00 with late registration being 150.00.

Ernest Goodman, Growth and Development Chairman, (quote), we are not growing Ruritans in the Chesapeake District. As of April 1st 2003 we have a decrease of 51

members. He elaborated on his efforts to start new Ruritan and Ruri-Teen clubs in the district. He asked for help and assistance in starting new clubs.

John Northstein, Ruri-teen Chairman reported there are six Ruri-teen clubs in the District. He stressed the importance of the sponsoring club to help in training Ruri-Teen officers and seeing that reports are in on time to District and National.

Joe Bowles, Fund Raising Chairman reported that the District had two fund raising projects this year, the Crab Feast and District Ad book sale.

John Rues, Foundation Chairman spoke on the double your dollar grants and that only thirteen clubs in 2003 had availed themselves of the program. For a club to receive this grant for a deserving student to attend college it is only necessary for the club to put up \$300.00 which will be matched by the Foundation for a grant of \$600.00. He also reported that the Chesapeake District individuals and clubs donated \$26,428. To the Foundation in 2002

Lloyd Hicks, Youth Activities Chairman was absent and his committee made no report.

Franklin Jones, Convention Chairman reported on the progress of his committee in making arrangement for the convention and room reservation.

Pat Balderson, Convention Ad Sales Chairperson, handed out ad sales information and a list of last year ad sales purchaser. Pat asked that seller get an early start so that the printer would have sufficient time to print the convention books

Cleve Wright Membership Chairman for Zones 2-4-5-8 spoke on the need to get and ways to keep members He offered some information on how this could be accomplished

Dick Hultz, Membership Chairman for Zones 1-3-5-7 was absent and his committee made no report.

Dan Johnson mentioned a number of national workshops were being offered to members.

Pat Balderson suggested that the District set up a web page. After some discussing it was suggest that the District Governor appoint a committee to study the cost and etc., and report back to the district cabinet their finding at the July meeting.

Jack Ferguson, Awards Committee Chairman was absent and no report was made

Charlie Bell, Past District Governor designated the interest earned on the District Saving Account for 2002 go to the National Growth and Development committee.

Charlie Bell made a motion that the District donate \$1000.00 to be added to other fund now held and to be received totaling \$3500.00 for the purchase of District crab pins. The pins will be sold to all except the Varina club members who will receive their pins free in

consideration for a \$1,500.00 donation previously made and held by the District treasurer. This motion passed unanimously.

Charlie Bell discussed his boxes of goodie being the past records and what have you, of reports and items of the district. He inquired of the necessity to pass on all of the notes and information each year to the incoming governor. A suggestion, which became a motion that a committee be appointed to help Historian Cleo Coleman study this matter was presented. This committee will be composed of the District Governor and two of the immediate past governors. This committee will report back to the cabinet as soon as their study is completed.

Elliott Hogge made a motion that the District pays \$25.00 each for two members of each Ruri-teen club to defray the cost of registration for those attending the National Convention. There are now six Ruri-Teen clubs in the District making this cost \$300.00. After some discussing this motion passed.

Carson Stanley announced a hunter safety class to be held by the Montpelier club.

The meeting adjourned by pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Roy Farmer at 3.40 P.M.

Respectively Submitted

Gordon Johnson, Secretary

Attachment: National Director's Report