

Chesapeake District Ruritan  
Minutes of Cabinet Meeting July 13, 2003

The Chesapeake District joint cabinet meeting was held Sunday July 13, 2003 at the cottage of Dick Campbell, King William, Virginia. Governor Grayson Balderson called the meeting to order at 2.20 P. M. Chaplain and song leader Norman Sulser lead the cabinet in singing one verse of America and the invocation

Prior to the cabinet meeting a delicious steak lunch was served by Otis Hall, Joe Bowles, Charles Longest and his group.

A count of the members present indicated a quorum .

District Governor Balderson welcomed the group and asked each member to stand and give his name and position on the cabinet.

The minutes of the April 13 2003 cabinet meeting were approved as distributed to the cabinet members.

Alvin Loving District Treasurer, pasted out the treasurer's report including income and expense for the period Jan.1 through June 30, 2003, showing a combine balance checking and saving of \$69,430.62.

Districts Governor Balderson reported things were moving along good in the district except for the loss of approximately 40 members. He also said approximately 25 new members were recruited to help offset a portion of the District lost and we needed to do a better job in retain our old members. He then offered a number of ways this could be accomplished.

District Lt. Governor Tom Watson , spoke on the Governor's conference, Ruritan long range plans and how the Chesapeake District stacks up with other Ruritan District. We should be happy in that we could describe our selves truthfully as the Cadillac District .He requested that all member make an effort to attend the National Convention to be held in Winston Salem, N.C. January 2004. A written report was filed for the record

Zone Governors written reports were made by Zones 1,3,6,7 Reports were given by 2,4,5,and 8, All reports indicated projects being completed. Montpelier indicated an increase of 7 new members. Ann Watson Zone 8, reported one of her club,s were still having membership problems. Ann reported zone 8, was having a joint picnic in August

Laura Northstein, National Director, reported that the National Board had not held a formal meeting since early in the year but that the directors had been busy with committee meeting. She filed a written report outlining happening on the National level.

Ernest Goodman, Growth and development, Chairman did not attend the Cabinet meeting but forwarded his report. read by Governor Balderson, showing total District membership of 1780 as compared to 1826 by National. His report showed a decrease of 46 members

Joe Bowles Fund Raising Chairman left early and no report was made

Lloyd Hicks, Youth Activities Chairman reported 20 youth attended Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge. He recommended that the District youth for 2004 continue to attend Valley Forge. He also recommended that a similar program be developed at Jamestown 4 H Center working to achieve 50 or more delegate. Charlie Bell made a motion that Lloyd's recommendation be looked into with Lloyd being Chairman to come up with a program reporting back to the District at it's next meeting. Motion was seconded by Dan Johnson and passed with Lloyd having a free hand to select committee members.

Franklin Jones reported that the District Convention plans were being completed and all things are working out fine.

Pat Balderson, Convention ad sale Chairperson reminded all to obtain ads for this year's convention hand book and her goal was \$15,000.00.

Dick Hultz, Membership chairman for zones 1,3,6 and 7 filed a written report showing 32 clubs with membership decline. Total member leaving was 25. New members coming in were 9.

Cleve Wright membership Chairman for zone's 2-4-5-8 discussed why members leave clubs. The need to insure members joining will stay as members. Asked that member continue to bring in new members but needed to develop ways to keep those members

Terry Patterson, District 4-H. Chairman was not in attendance and no report was filed.

John Northstein Ruriteen Committee chairman emphasized the importance to train incoming office by September.for the 2003- 2004 school.

Donald Loving Convention Registration Chairman reported on the convention registration and packages would be going out 1<sup>st</sup> of September for convention registration

Dick Campbell, Crab Feast Chairman reported there were lot of workers 152, committee members 9, Cabinet 39, totaling 200. He discussed the things to be done and the wonderful response being received. Joe Bowles was doing a supper job, the price of crabs in the \$95 price range per bushel.

David Duke was not present and there was not a report on the Sale of District Crab Pins.

Stephen Lambert reported on the request for a web Page at the April meeting. A web page was up and in operation with the first year's cost paid. Ann Watson made a motion that the District accept the Web page as set up by Stephen and that he be reimbursed for the cost. Motion Passed.

Garth A. Mills Sr. Executive Director of Development, Virginia War Memorial, spoke to the cabinet member about "Virginia at War Bringing History to Life, a Film being made and cost. A motion was made and after some discussion the District voted to make a \$1,500.00 donation to the Virginia War Memorial filming

Roy Farmer spoke on the Glen Allen day asking member to attend the family affair to be held on September 20, 2003.

The meeting was adjourned by pledge to the flag lead by Norman Sulser.

Respectively Submitted

M. Gordon Johnson, Secretary