



**Deep Creek Ruritan Club Meeting
January 31, 2019 (7:00PM)**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Mike Studley.

The following officers / directors were in attendance:

- Mike Studley, President
- Kacey Carnegie, Vice President
- Julie Ulrich, Secretary
- Bill Robins, Treasurer, Business & Professions/PP
- Joe Gargaro, Citizenship & Patriotism/PP
- Joe Noha, Social Development/PP
- Mike Kirsch, Public Service/PP
- Mike Coffman, Director
- John Buddenhagen, Director/PP
- Earl Waddell, Director/PP
- Glorine Cousin, Membership/PP

President Mike began the meeting at 7:00 pm with the first verse of 'America' followed by the invocation by Glorine Cousin. President Mike identified his board and welcomed visitors and guests.

Special Guests David Walker, Ruritan Holland District Lt. Governor; City of Chesapeake Mayor Rick West; City Manager, Jim Baker; City Attorney Jacob Stroman, and City Councilman and club member, Steve Best were in attendance.

Todd Frazier prepared the meal, which was served by several members. The clubhouse was set up by Joe Noha and Joe Gargaro.

Entertainment –

- Plaques of recognition presented to BeefFest Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum sponsors.
- Chesapeake Police Officer Lori Millington honored the club with a presentation to Mike Kirsch, Mike Coffman, and Tim Pepples for the donation the club made to Our Little Stars Daycare.
- Bill Robins presented an overview of tax law changes.

Meeting Minutes –

- The minutes for the November 2018 Regular meeting were unanimously approved and filed for audit. Motion made by Joe Gargaro and seconded by Mike Kirsch.

Treasurer's Report –

- The treasurer's report was reviewed and filed for audit.

Community Service Reports:

Business and Professions (Bill Robins) –

- Presented 2018 Business of the Year to Buddy Huskey

Citizenship and Patriotism (Joe Gargaro) –

- Nothing new to report.

Public Service (Mike Kirsch)

- Nothing new to report.

Social Development (Joe Noha)

- Nothing new to report.

Environment (Vacant) –

- Nothing new to report.

Youth and Recreation (Nikki Keegan) – \$500.00 Cost

- We presented a check for \$7,000 to the Deep Creek Baseball Association from the proceeds of the "special fundraiser" BBQ held at the club on 1/26/19.

Membership (Glorine Cousin) –

- Nothing new to report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chicken Box (Eddie Woods/Mike Kirsch)

- Event is scheduled for March 9
- Sponsors are needed - \$100 each

Beef Fest (Bill Robins) –

- Recap of 2018 – 85 business sponsors, \$14,000 raised
- This year’s event scheduled for Saturday, September 21

Golf Tournament (Joe Noha) –

- Nothing new to report

Clubhouse (Earl Waddell)

- Nothing new to report.

BUSINESS:

- President Mike Studley asked for a motion to be made for approval for the club to cash in \$20,000 Certificate of Deposit to provide assistance to furloughed workers, with a limit of up to \$1,000 per family. Motion made by Joe Gargaro and seconded by Tim Pepples. Motion was unanimously approved by membership.
- Attached convention recap was given by Mike Kirsch
- Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Chesapeake and the Deep Creek Ruritan Club was signed by Club President, Mike Studley and Club Secretary, Julie Ulrich. Fully executed copy to be filed in club records once received from the City.
- 2018 Audit Committee Report was filed and signed off by John Buddenhagen, Earl Waddell, and Joe Gargaro

President Mike closed by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Julie Ulrich, Secretary

RURITAN NATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT

The Ruritan National Convention was held at the Hampton Roads Convention Center in Hampton during January 17 – 20. John Buddenhagen, Mike Kirsch and Bill Robins were the delegates from Deep Creek.

All delegates attended all of the business sessions and took part in the educational workshops that were offered. Seven new directors were elected. Phil Bradshaw, the 2018 Holland District Governor, was elected as a trustee to the Ruritan National Foundation. James Mills was re-elected secretary and our former National Director, Linward Hedgspeth, was elected as the president-elect. Larry Cassell of Maryland assumed the office of president.

There were three proposed amendments to the Ruritan National bylaws and all three amendments failed to pass. Ruritan National had a net loss in membership last year of 845, mostly due to death. That represented a 3.54% decrease in membership.

The 2020 convention will be held from January 9 – 12 at the Meadowview Marriott Conference Center in Kingsport, TN.