

Powhatan Extension Leadership Council (ELC)

Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2019

Meeting held in the Powhatan Village Building Upstairs Conference Room

Members present: Johns Bailey, Tony Hackenberg, Cathy Howland, Jane Henderson, Gail Timberlake, Tim Kidwell, Allison Walters, Ruby Turner, Keith White, Rachel Henley, and Keith Burgess

The meeting was called to order by Tony Hackenberg.

Welcome and Introductions of Keith White, new addition to the ELC. Keith is a member of Huguenot Beekeepers Association and will be a community representative.

Motion to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2019 meeting as distributed by Johns Bailey; second by Ruby Turner. Motion passed.

ELC Treasurer's Report: Ruby Turner distributed the ELC Balance Sheet report. There was a beginning balance of \$2561.28 as of June 1, 2019. Interest received last quarter totals \$1.54 (June – August) There was 1 disbursement of \$130.50 for purchase of the Winfred Taylor Volunteer Service Award Plaque. The new balance is \$2,432.32.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Volunteer Recognition: All members agreed that the volunteer recognition reception and reading of the resolution at the Board of Supervisors meeting went well. A similar event, that is short and easier to converse with people is a good idea in the future.

Four new names are being added to the volunteer plaque and the name plates have been sent out for engraving. A photo of Frankie Barham, former 4-H club leader was taken beside the plaque and will be hung as well.

National Ag Conference: The fundraiser for the National Ag conference is still going and Rachel is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win the Gator that will be given at the 2020 Ag Conference. Tickets are \$100 each with a 1 in 100 chance of winning the prize.

Rachel has also organized a Fish Fry fundraiser that will take place on October 25, 5-7 pm at the Rescue Squad Grounds. Johns Bailey has agreed to assist with cooking. Rachel would welcome any assistance offered. She plans to send out an email with a sign up to coordinate volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS

Review ELC Bylaws: Tony Hackenburg proposed clarification to Article VII and Article III, section 5 of the bylaws. The proposed changes were emailed to members prior to the meeting on September 6 for review. Motion to accept changes to bylaws made by Johns Bailey; second by Keith Burgess. The motion is carried.

VCE Staff Update: Nichole Shuman transferred in September to the Goochland ANR position. The process for hiring a 4-H agent for Goochland VCE will begin in the spring. The Central District Director position has been filled. Sonya Furgurson, recently replaced Dan Goerlich.

Programming Reports:

MSWCD	VACS has half million dollars available this year. They will be finishing livestock exclusion practices by June 2021. MSWCD will be hosting the Area 3 Envirothon next spring
4-H	The 4-H Jr Camp was a success, 172 participants and 33 teen leaders attended. This years Farm Day is scheduled for October 22, volunteers are needed to man 15-16 booths for 3 rd grade classes. The 4-H club year starts October 1 and Cathy is currently conducting 1 on 1's with leaders. Dairy and Meat's Judging are planning to partner with FFA this year and meet at the Middle School for practice. The 4-H Club Recognition Dinner will be held in November.
ANR	Johns Bailey has offered to help with a fish fry fundraiser October 25, for the National Agriculture Conference. Any help from ELC members with it would be appreciated. Beef Cattle 360 and Equine Discussion Groups have begun meeting again for this year. Rachel is planning an Artificial Insemination workshop in October and looking at doing a Business Plan Workshop as well. The Powhatan Well Water testing program is scheduled for September 24. Keith Burgess suggested the ELC consider need based financial assistance for residents for future well water testing programs. This discussion will be continued at the June 2020 ELC meeting.
FCS	Several Financial and Nutrition small group meetings have been done at the Free Clinic coordinated with Groove in the Garden days. In mid-October the Food Pantry is looking to start a food shopping program along with SNAP Ed assistance. This month some lunch and learn, Meal Prep programs are scheduled. Jane as well as the Extension office recently has gotten several mold and air quality questions in houses and especially in rentals. She is looking for help in how to address this. Powhatan High School Reality Store will be held October 7. They still need volunteers. Jane will be assisting and she will send the ELC members a reminder.
Master Gardeners	The applications are available for the new MG Intern class. The Historic Garden construction is finished and it will be open for the Festival of the Grape.
Huguenot Beekeepers	HBA has 140 members. They participate in Field Days of the Past and Farm Day, along with sponsoring a Youth Beekeeping Club, and a Young Beekeepers Award each year. This award funds the hardware and attire for a youth and if they are successful at the end of 1 year they get to keep the items.

ELC Comments:

Adjournment

NEXT MEETING

Next Quarterly ELC Meeting: Monday, December 9, 2019, at 8:00 am.