

Powhatan Extension Leadership Council (ELC)

Meeting Minutes from Jun 8, 2020 Meeting held in Powhatan Extension Office

Meeting conducted electronically through Zoom. Members present Tony Hackenburg, Cathy Howland, Gail Timberlake, Tim Kidwell, Allison Walters, Ruby Turner, Rachel Henley, Bonnie Garringer, Keith Burgess, Whitney Berriman, Keith White, and Jane Henderson

The meeting was called to order by Tony Hackenberg at 8am.

Cathy Howland gave an overview of new District 1 ELC member, Jeremy Davis. He was unable to join today due to a prior commitment.

Motion to accept the minutes of the March 9, 2020 meeting as distributed by Tony Hackenburg was approved, and the minutes were accepted as distributed.

ELC Treasurer's Report: Ruby Turner had a microphone issue, but Cathy had previously received a copy of the treasurer's report and reported no expenses since the March meeting. There was a beginning balance of \$2,347.65 as of January 1, 2020. Interest received last quarter totals \$0.91 (March – May). There were no disbursements. The new balance is \$2,348.56.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Pork Loin Fundraiser: Cathy Howland related that she had spoken to Johns Bailey and he is open to however the ELC decides to proceed with the fundraiser. When we meet in September we may have a better idea of where things stand in reference to COVID-19 and she suggested re-addressing the issue at the September meeting. All agreed to postpone.

50 Mile Meal update: Rachel Henley gave an update on the idea of a farm to table dinner using products from local producers. Fall would be a good time to do this event, but with it being difficult to make future decisions due to COVID-19 it would be difficult for producers if we waited until September to decide. She suggested waiting until next year and asked for member thoughts about having a Board of Supervisor dinner this year. Tony agreed that a dinner for the board could be planned quickly.

NEW BUSINESS

COVID-19/Budget Update: The county is waiting to get an idea of how much revenue is expected before passing the 2020-2021 budget. Our budget was initially approved with little change, but we have now given them an amount of decrease to work with.

The state budget is basically the same, we have submitted any funds that we think we will have left over and have basically stopped spending. The VA Tech Board of Visitors will meet today to decide about summer classes and Extension typically follows their lead.

Our office has been submitting resources twice a month to Feeding Powhatan and the Food Pantry since April for their clients. We have recently seen more citizens calling in with questions about their gardens, trees and insect ID's.

2020/2021 Officer Elections: The nominating committee met and has nominated the following to serve July 2020 – June 2021.

Chair - Bonnie Garringer

Vice Chair – Ruby Turner

Treasurer - No member was nominated, therefore Ruby Turner agreed to continue as treasurer until next meeting in September when new positions take effect. The slate was approved as presented.

Programming Reports:

MSWCD	Keith Burgess announced that the MSWCD office will be opening as of today. July 1 will begin a new agricultural cost share funding year, the Beef Cattle 360 group has met a few times, and Keith has been on a few farm visits to help owners with soil testing etc. He said that it has been very beneficial having 2 ANR agents in Goochland and Powhatan to work with.
4-H	Cathy did a series of embryology videos for virtual learning with the schools. The 4-H summer camp has been cancelled, but the teen counselors are working on some virtual programs for a virtual camp coming up. Also has been partnering with the library and submitting some STEAM activities to Feeding Powhatan etc
ANR	See 50 Mile Meal Update
FCS	Has been focusing on doing training for video conferencing and diabetes classes through Senior Resources for on-line programming. ServeSafe offered a free Food Handler training course, and Financial Volunteer coaching through Powhatan Coalition of Churches. Most calls recently have been about food preservation and indoor air quality.
Master Gardeners	Spring Garden Fest and Earth Day were cancelled and most Master Gardener volunteer activities have been cancelled. The community gardens are being cared for with social distancing, and more virtual educational hours are being offered.
Huguenot Beekeepers	The beekeepers have been doing more outreach and presentations on FaceBook, etc. The young beekeepers are doing well and for various reasons the honey crop is widely varied this year. There have been more reports of swarms this year, probably due to the fact that people are at home and outside. The members are anxious to get back to their regular meetings.

ELC Member Comments:

Keith Burgess:

Richard Ayers had mentioned to him that people have been taking plants out of the Native Plant Trail recently. Something to be aware of.

Cathy Howland:

Has been sending information to the Hands across Powhatan contact, so she can start sending canning and freezing information through her as well to reach residents.

Also Thank you to the library for partnering with the Extension office on the summer kits to distribute through the food pantry and Feeding Powhatan.

Keith Burgess:

Asked if Tractor Supply or Hertzler Farm and Feed would allow a flyer or information about canning or freezing to be put on their store boards. Cathy will check into this.

Bonnie Garringer:

Thank you, Tony for your leadership the last few years.

In reference to ELC Membership Gail suggested the graduates of Powhatan Leadership Institute.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 am

NEXT MEETING

Next Quarterly ELC Meeting: Monday, September 14, 2020, at 8:00 am.