

Powhatan Extension Leadership Council (ELC)

Meeting Minutes from June 5, 2017

Meeting held in the Powhatan Village Building Upstairs Conference Room

Members present: Johns Bailey, Tony Hackenberg, Cathy Howland, Peggy Martin, Winfred Taylor, Rachel Grosse, Bonnie Garringer, Ruby Turner, Gail Timberlake and Allison Walters.

Welcome and Introductions: Introduction of MaryAnn, exchange agent from Ireland. She mainly works with small grain farmers, and gave a brief summary of extension in Ireland.

Reading of the Minutes: Meeting minutes were approved with no changes or additions.

ELC Treasurer's Report: Winfred Taylor reported that there was a beginning checking balance of \$1,756.02 as of March 1, 2017. Interest received for March and April totaled .80. There was one deposit from the pork loin fundraiser for \$1,085.00, and 2 disbursements this quarter totaling \$587.68 to Johns Bailey and Cathy Howland. The new balance is now \$2,254.14.

OLD BUSINESS

Pork Loin Fundraiser: The fundraiser went well. Sales were up a bit from last year, over 10%.

Powhatan Endowment: Rachel Grosse updated the group on the endowment. She and Cathy have not gotten a response yet from Land & Coates yet for setting up a meeting about partnering with the ELC for an RTV raffle. They will contact the Land & Coates corporate office as well. Cathy and Allison have reached out to contacts at VA Tech for guidance on funds handling for the money raised until we are ready to begin the endowment. So far, there has been no response as to the best way to handle it. Tony Hackenburg and Cathy have confirmed that we cannot put any funds raised into the ELC account.

Volunteer Recognition Event: Peggy Martin and Cathy Howland suggested changing the event from a dinner to a drop in / open house event since the dinner has not been well attended in recent years. It was suggested 4-7 PM with light snacks.

Bonnie Garringer suggested possibly doing an a similar open house event, but on the same day as the Master Gardener regular meeting in the village Building, since many of the MG's do not drive in the evenings and this would accommodate them. The ELC could pay for cake.

Rachel Grosse suggested that if we did an event for the Master Gardener's after one of their meetings it may be easier to do something similar in conjunction with the 4-H Achievement Night. This event is usually held at the volunteer rescue squad building, but may not be large enough if we chose to do this. Peggy Martin will check to see if the War Memorial building is available – November 14 as a possibility.

Bonnie will email Peggy the date of the next MG meeting in Powhatan (October or November) and we can also invite Master Food Volunteers, Farm Bureau, Board of Supervisors, etc.

Suggested Menu: Grill hamburgers and hotdogs

Awards: Cathy Howland announced that the Powhatan office received a \$1000 award for 2016 Program Excellence in Community Marketing for our work with Celebration of the Horse.

Statewide ELC Update: Tony Hackenburg and Rachel Grosse attended the Public Leadership Development Conference which was geared to help extension professionals understand the role of Extension and how to best get information to state leaders.
See attached Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee: Johns Bailey made a motion, if current officers are willing to continue to serve, keep current officers in place for another year. Bonnie Garringer seconded the motion, all in favor.

Peggy Martin – Chairperson

Tony Hackenburg – Vice Chairperson

Winfred Taylor – Treasurer

March of 2018 a nominating committee will be formed to elect new officers.

Programming Reports:

{ANR} Celebration of the Horse was a success.

Rachel and Johns continue to work with the meats judging team and hopefully will be starting a soil judging team this year

Rachel is working in a quarterly Equine program with Goochland VCE

Rachel will be in Ireland during May participating in an agent exchange program

{4-H} 4-H camp is in July, 60 campers from Powhatan; 170 total from 3 counties will attend

4H Congress will be in June for one week at VA Tech. 16 teens from Powhatan are attending and 3 are running for ambassador

Farm Day was cancelled due to rain. Cathy is working with the schools to possibly move it the late fall next year.

{Master Gardeners} See Report

{MSWCD} Goochland County is now funding an equal amount of their budget.

Member Comments:

Cathy Howland – Cathy received an email from Jennifer Madden. She would like to step down from her position on the ELC until further notice. Cathy requested suggestions for a replacement.

Upcoming Events:

Drinking Water Clinic

Sept 11

Groove in the Garden: Rain Barrels

June 22

Groove in the Garden: Harvesting Vegetables

July 20

Groove in the Garden: Fall Vegetables

Aug 17

NEXT MEETING

Next Quarterly ELC Meeting: Monday September 11, 2017, at 8:00 am.