

FORTUNA TIERRA CLUB Meeting Minutes
DATE: Monday, February 8, 2021, 10 AM - Noon

MEETING PLACE: Via Zoom due to Covid 19 Pandemic.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @10:03 by President Ronna Edgett-Underwood

OPENING COMMENTS: Ronna welcomed everyone to the zoom meeting and thanked Mary Ann Guilinger for setting up the zoom meeting. Vonnie Kuijvenhoven shared info about places to receive vaccine shots and a few members mentioned they had received their second shots.

GOOD NEWS: Ronna's son Zac, received a promotion to the position of Colorado Parks and Wildlife Fish Biologist and therefore will continue working and living in this area. Congratulations Zac!

ROLL CALL: Ten members were present with no guests attending. Eve Becker-Doyle, Alissa Crandall, Ronna Edgett-Underwood, Roze Evans, Wendy Fenner, Mary Ann Guilinger, Vonnie Kuijvenhoven, Linda Mogetz, Diane Spooner, and Irene Stith.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Diane Spooner

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING – February 10, 2020, meeting minutes posted on the website: Eve Becker-Doyle motioned for the minutes to be approved with no corrections. Wendy Fenner seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Vonnie Kuijvenhoven – 2021 Budget.

MOTION TO APPROVE made by Ronna Edgett-Underwood and seconded by Eve Becker-Doyle and unanimously approved by the members.

*Vonnies reported the club's balance as of 12/31/2020 was \$40, 172.53 Revenues were slightly lower for the year but expenses were also lower therefore the club basically broke even. The 2020 fundraiser event, a virtual run, was considered a success despite the pandemic. *Eve commended Vonnie for a great job with the budget and the club members felt that the fundraising committee had done a great job as well.

*The board proposed an increase in the scholarship total budget to \$15,000.00 because of the amount of money available and the increase in number of students graduating in 2021.

*Ridgway Elementary school teacher grants were budgeted \$1000.00 again with the approval of specific goals for the money as past allotments had not yet been spent.

*Ridgway Middle School teacher grants for 2021 were allotted \$1000.00, an increase of \$500.00 due to a grant acquired by Mary Ann.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PHILANTHROPIC: Committee Members: Kathy Heinrichs, Ann Blakely, Sue Weins

*Mary Ann Guilinger reported for the committee. The club has delegated the decision to the Philanthropic Committee to decide who will be awarded the scholarships each year. The scholarship application has been updated and available on the website. Thank you to Roze Evans for her help getting it updated online.

*A total of \$12,000.00 was awarded in scholarships in 2020. There was one recipient of the Shotwell Scholarship of \$1,200, and nine recipients of the Fortuna Tierra Club Scholarships of \$1,200 each.

COMPASSION: Lil Fredericksen

Lil is recovering from covid. We all wish her well.

FUNDRAISING: Mary Ann Guilinger;

Update on fifth annual Virtual Log Hill Hustle held in August, 2020.

*\$12,278.00 raised

*\$400 timing costs

* Mary Ann Guilinger actually got to participate in the virtual run.

*Update on sixth annual Log Hill Hustle to be held on Sunday, August 29, 2021.

*Wendy Fenner shared feedback that 2021 run would be good to do virtual in addition to the anticipated in person event to accommodate grandparents, etc. that still may not be able to attend. Certificates would be given for virtual participants and prizes would be given at the in-person event.

*The first committee meeting is planned via Zoom for the first week of April.

* All agreed that Josh at Rocky Mountain Timing provided excellent services for minimal fees.

DUES FOR 2021: Ronna Edgett-Underwood

--Membership Dues are \$25.00 per person each year.

The 2020 December party was cancelled due to the pandemic as were other activities in 2020.

All allotted funds not used, revert back to the general budget for reallocation determined through an additional club vote.

Membership Recruitment:

*Women who support philanthropic endeavors who live in the Ridgeway area as far north as Colona are encouraged to join. There is a membership form on the Fortuna Tierra website which would be updated with the club P.O. box and a phone number for contacting president, Ronna Edgett-Underwood.

*Linda Mogetz suggested a Log Hill email blast to get new members. Roze Evans would contact Log Hill Hoa Secretary, Austin Ray about recruiting through the Log Hill website. The Log Hill Directory cannot be used to contact all individuals but a poster type notice with a link to Fortuna Tierra website would be permissible on the Log Hill website. The poster template could be used elsewhere such as the Ridgeway Chamber of Commerce and social media to recruit new members.

*Wendy Fenner would try and put information on the local media, Next Door.

*Ronna Edgett-Underwood scripted a blurb for the poster and for members to use so that each member can help to recruit new members.

*Suggestions for free memberships, drawings, and member recognition to entice new members were not decided on at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Vonnie Kuijvenhoven shared for review some yearly budget expenses:

*\$850 .00 yearly club insurance presumably provides coverage of board members in litigation issues, but does not provide coverage for events, etc. An additional \$160 is spent to cover the fundraising event each year. Eve Becker-Doyle offered to provide treasurer, Vonnie with additional contacts for insurance bids for more inclusive non-profit coverage at less expense for the club.

*\$125.00 Ridgeway Chamber of Commerce fee as a non-profit organization which is a minimal cost for publicity and philanthropic support to our town and community. Roze Evans mentioned that the non -profit organizations were now hard to find on the Chamber website as no longer listed under a non-profit category but under museums. Eve Becker Doyle will request the chamber return the non-profit category to the site so that all non-profits have a clearer path for better recognition.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Vonnie Kuijvenhoven made the motion that Linda Mogetz be elected as Vice-president for 2 years, seconded by Ronna Edgett-Underwood and unanimously approved by the members present.

Ronna Edgett-Underwood made the motion that Eve Becker-Doyle be elected as Secretary for 2 years and that Alissa Crandall would assist. The motion was seconded by Linda Mogetz and unanimously approved by all members present.

Ronna thanked Wendy Fenner for serving as Vice President for the past two years and Diane Spooner for serving as Secretary in 2020. Ronna also thanked incoming officers Linda and Eve and Alissa for assisting Eve.

MEETINGS FOR 2021: Ronna Edgett-Underwood:

1. April 12th – Geology talk at Inspiration Point and bring-your-own lunch from 10 AM to noon; spouses or a guest invited. Please RSVP on website by April 8th.
2. Wednesday, June 16th– Picnic and wildflower hike with Mary Menz.
3. August 9th-finalize volunteers for fun run
4. October 11th celebrate Log Hill Hustle Fun Run.
5. Christmas – December 13th

BIRTHDAYS: Roze Evans 2/03; Wendy Fenner 2/06; Alissa Crandall 2/21; Linda Mogetz 3/23

ANNIVERSARIES: None for January, February, or March

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY: Diane Spooner