



Silas McDowell Chapter of the NCCSSAR
Franklin, NC

Minutes of the June 15, 2015 Meeting

At the Boiler Room Restaurant, Franklin, NC

President Tom Long called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. Sixteen people were present of which nine were members and seven were guests. Compatriot David Jellison, Vice President, opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Compatriot David Jellison, Vice President, and the SAR Pledge led by President Long.

President Long welcomed the visitors, and guest. President Long asked that each member to introduce themselves providing information on their Patriot ancestor and how many supplemental Patriots that they have, and he asked that the guest to provide information if they have a Patriot ancestor.

Old Business:

President Long asked if we had any old business to be discussed, and no old business needed to be presented to the chapter.

Officers and Committee Reports:

Secretary Report:

President Long request Compatriot Ruble, chapter secretary, to provide the minutes of the April 20th meeting. Compatriot Ruble indicated that we had received no correction's to the draft April 20th meeting minutes, which were sent to members via email, and one copy provided to Compatriot Hooper.

President Long asked for a motion to approve the April meeting minutes as delivered via email. Compatriot Yates moved that we accept the April minutes as presented, and seconded by Compatriot Jellison. President Long asked the members for approval of the motion to accept the April meeting minutes as presented. Chapter members approved the motion to accept the April meeting minutes as distributed.

Treasurers Report:

President Long requested Compatriot Ruble, to provide the treasures report. Compatriot Ruble indicated that the treasures report was distributed to members of the chapter the first of the month via email and that a copy had been provided to Compatriot Hooper. Compatriot Ruble also reported that there are two outstanding checks that were written to cover the expense of Compatriot Yates mailing

the Poster Contest winners poster to the NCSSAR chairman, and to cover the expense of Compatriot Ruble for purchase of Certificates from the SAR Store. Both checks amounted to a total of \$86.38.

President Long requested a motion to approve the treasurer's report as distributed via email. Compatriot Yates moved that we accept the treasurer's report as distributed, and seconded by Compatriot Maney. President Long then asked for approval of the motion by the chapter members, and the treasurer's report was accepted.

Youth Programs Chairman Report:

President Long request Compatriot Yates to provide an update on youth programs. Compatriot Yates reported that he attended the Swain County High School JROTC ceremony on May 26th. However, the cadet wasn't present to receive the award, and was told that he was absent due to work conflict. Compatriot Yates indicated that the JROTC officer and he went to the cadets place of work, Subway, and presented the Outstanding Cadet Certificate and Medal to him .

Compatriot Yates reported on the SAR 2015 Poster Contest. Compatriot Yates indicated that he had only one school participate this year, but will work to get the two other schools active for the 2016 contest.

President long asked Compatriot Cook how the Blue Ridge Mountain chapter gets the schools involved in the poster contest, and Compatriot Cook indicated that they get the teachers and guidance counselors involved.

Patriot Grave Registration/Marking:

President Long requested Compatriot Ruble to provide a current status on Grave Registration/Marking activities. Compatriot Ruble indicated that information for all of the Patriots that we had grave markings for have been provided to National and State Grave Registration committees. We are contacting family of Compatriots Bob Carpenter and Bill Davidson to determine when would be the best time for their families to hold a ceremony. We have also tried to contact the family of Patriot William Trammell and have not received any response. No dates have been assigned yet, but looks like the dates will be set for the fall months of October or November.

Other Activities:

Compatriot Long reported on activities that he has been in the past month.

1. Franklin Memorial Day service at the Veterans Park. Compatriot Cook and Compatriot Long were part of the color guard and carried the Betsy Ross flag and the Silas McDowell Chapter flag.
2. Compatriot Long attended two Eagle Scout Court of Honor during May and presented the Eagle Scout Certificate, Eagle Scout Pin, and Citizenship patch to the new Eagle Scouts. One ceremony was held May 9th in Andrews, and the second was held May 23rd in Sylva.
3. Compatriot Long reported that he has been in contact with the two Boy Scout Districts in our area and presented them with information on what the SAR provides to new Eagle Scouts. It

appears that we have overcome issues from the past and will be more involved with these two districts.

4. Compatriot Long reiterated that in April he had requested that members of various communities, Andrews, Murphy, Highlands, Franklin, and Hayesville provide names of individuals, business, or government agencies that are displaying the flag correctly. He has received the names and provided five flag certificates to the members for presentation to the individual, business, or government agency.
5. Compatriot Long reported that we do not have any additional DAR activities scheduled this year. We completed the rework of Cpl. Whites grave, and participated in the May 16th genealogy workshop.

Compatriot Yates reported that he placed six Betsy Ross flags at the grave sites of the Patriots buried in Franklin the day before Memorial Day, and picked them back up the day after Memorial Day. Betsy Ross and US flags were donated to the Chapter by Compatriot Ruble to be used for marking Patriot and Compatriot grave sites on Memorial Day.

Blue Ridge Mountain (BRM) GASSAR Interface:

Compatriot Ruble indicated that he participated in the June 14th Flag Retirement ceremony with Boy Scout Troop 101.

New Business:

President Long introduced Mr. Haire who identified an activity that the chapter may wish to participate in. He has a map of historical references of the Revolutionary War on one side and the War of 1812 on the other side. Mr. Haire indicated that the chapter could hold a raffle by selling tickets to the members and the proceeds would go to the chapter.

President Long introduced Compatriot Maney, who presented a brief description of what he will be doing to provide history lessons to school children on June 17th, which is the 240th anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill. He had a topo map that provided the elevation of various hills around the Boston area where the battle took place, and identified the number of colonials present to fight the British. Compatriot Maney identified that the British thought that the colonials only had about a thousand troops, and sent in a force of two thousand to fight; however, the colonials had a force of three thousand and due to the lack of powder and shot the colonials were told hold fire until they could see the whites of the eyes of the British troops.

Program:

President Long requested that Compatriot Jellison to come forward and introduce the guest speaker. Compatriot Jellison introduced Jane Nardy, a professional Genealogist and author.

Ms. Nardy came forward and thanked Compatriot Jellison on the chapter for inviting her to come and talk to the members and guest concerning her work as a genealogist. Ms. Nardy had been a professional Genealogist for thirty four years, and worked out of Cashers, NC. She gave a brief description of her life,

and her Patriot ancestor before going into some of the efforts that the genealogist does in verifying lineage. Ms. Nardy then provided examples of what her work covered in working with various clients in trying to trace their family lineage. Some of the work that she had to required going to various locations to obtain copies of documents concerning the family. She indicated that any genealogy work requires that the source of the lineage be proven. This proof would be in the form of Wills, Deeds, Death Records, Birth Records, Newspaper articles, Census data, and/or published books by non-family members.

At the completion of her talk, President Long presented Ms. Nardy with a Certificate of Appreciation for coming and presenting her experiences in researching family linages.

Adjournment:

President Long requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Compatriot Yates, seconded by Compatriot Ruble. President Long then requested approval by members of the chapter, and all approved. President Long led us in the SAR Recessional at 8 PM. He the requested that our Compatriot Jellsion to give the benediction.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Compatriot John Ruble – Secretary/Genealogist