



Silas McDowell Chapter of the NCCSSAR
Franklin, NC

Minutes of the March 16, 2015 Meeting

At the Boiler Room Restaurant, Franklin, NC

President Tom Long called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Twenty-two people were present of which eleven were members and eleven were guests. Compatriot Dave Anderson, guest Chaplin, opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Compatriot David Jellison, Chaplin, and the SAR Pledge led by President Long.

President Long welcomed the visitors, guest, and asked that each person present to introduce themselves, and if they are members of either the DAR or SAR to please identify their ancestor and give a brief description of his involvement in the American Revolution.

President Long asked that Compatriot Ruble identify the various flags that were present behind the speaker's podium and outside of the meeting room. Compatriot Ruble identified the following flags that were present:

1. United States Flag
2. Hopkinson Flag
3. NC State Flag
4. Silas McDowell SAR Chapter Flag
5. Grand Union Flag
6. Bennington Flag
7. Bunker Hill Flag
8. Ft. Moultrie Flag
9. Gadsden Flag
10. Guilford Courthouse Flag
11. Hornet's Nest Flag
12. Betsey Ross Flag (outside the room)

Eagle Scout Presentation:

President Long introduced Andrew Klima and his dad to the group. President Long gave a short introduction on what it means to become an Eagle Scout in future settings, and of Andrews's accomplishments in the Boy Scouts. President Long asked Andrew to give a presentation on what his Eagle Scout Project was, and Andrew identified that his project was installing benches on the outside of

the Public Library in Andrews in-order for people to sit outside in good weather if they wanted when using the library.

President Long then presented Andrew with the SAR certificate for earning the rank of Eagle, a patch for good citizenship, and the Eagle Scout Pin. President Long also identified Andrew as participating in the Eagle Scout Scholarship Essay Contest, and that he was the winner of the Chapters award. President Long presented Andrew with the SAR scholarship patch for entering the contest, a Chapter Scholarship Medal and check for one hundred dollars for winning the Chapter contest.

Presentation of Awards/Certificates:

President Long requested Compatriot Ruble to come forward to present several awards and certificates. Compatriot Ruble then request that Compatriot Connelly come forward where he received his Ancestor Supplemental Certificate. Compatriot Ruble called President Long forward and presented him with his 5 year service certificate and pin. Compatriot Ruble called Compatriot Ives forward and presented him with his 10 year service certificate and pin. Compatriot Ruble called Compatriot Davidson forward to receive his 10 year service certificate and pin; however, Compatriot Davidson wasn't available so his certificate and pin will be mailed to him

Program:

President Long introduced Jerry Taylor, Regional Historian, Towns Co., GA as the guest speaker. Mr. Taylor's topic for the evening was on "Historical Names of Familiar Places" in the local area of NC and GA. He identified names that were derived from pioneer settlers, like Crane Creek, Bryers Creek, Plott Town, and Ferguson Town. Some of Macon County pioneer settlers names were Battle, Crawford, Love, Cathey, Hooper, Chastain, Conley, Sherrill, and Patton were just a few of the names provided to the chapter. Mr. Taylor told us that in some cases names were given by the legislators of the state like Towns County, Macon County, Franklin, Highlands, and Buncombe, and in some cases these were names of the legislators. He also provided local names of Cherokee heritage like Dahlenega, Chattahoochee, Oostenaula, Etowah, Chatooga, Nantahala, Tennessee, Ellijay, and Brasstown are just a few. Mr. Taylor gave some of the meanings of various Cherokee words like Tallulah means Terrible, Wayah means Warrior, Yonah means bear, Amicalola means tumbling waters, Chatuge means fork, Nantahala means land of the noonday sun, and Choestoe means land of the dancing rabbits. Mr. Taylor spoke for about 30 minutes or so and ending with naming of some of the forts in the area associated with the Cherokee Removal Act. Fort Hembree in Hayesville, Fort Butler in Murphy, Fort Chastain in Morganton, and Fort Montgomery in Robbinsville.

The history of the names of places and where they came from was very interesting, and the chapter and guests were very appreciative of the information that was presented.

At the end of the presentation, President Long presented Mr. Taylor with an engraved powder horn.

President Long paused the meeting for approximately ten minutes in-order guest could leave if they wanted before we continued on with the business portion of the meeting.

President Long called the meeting back to order at approximately 7 PM.

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 October 20, 2014 meeting. Compatriot Ruble indicated that we had received no correction's to the draft October 20th meeting minutes, which were sent to members via email. Compatriot Ruble indicated that he would be distributing the meeting minutes via email, and will not make any hardcopies available at future meetings.

President Long asked for a motion to approve the October meeting minutes as delivered via email. Compatriot Yates moved that we accept the October minutes as presented, and seconded by Compatriot McCracken. President Long asked the members for approval of the motion to accept the October meeting minutes as presented. Chapter members approved the motion to accept the October 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. Compatriot Ruble indicated that the closing balance as of February 28, 2015 was \$795.41. Of this amount designated funds were \$195.55 which left the chapter with \$599.86 for general use. However, this amount does not reflect the Eagle Scout Scholarship award of \$100. Compatriot Ruble also indicated that future treasures reports would be distributed to members via email and no hard copies will be available at the meetings.

President Long requested a motion to approve the treasures report as distributed via email. Compatriot Yates moved that we accept the minutes as distributed, and seconded by Compatriot Jellison. President Long then asked for approval of the motion by the chapter members, and the minutes were approved by chapter members.

President Long presented a \$500 check from the Highlands Garden Club and Mrs. Jellison to Compatriot Ruble for deposit into the Chapters checking account.

Youth Programs Chairman Report:

President Long request Compatriot Yates to provide an update on youth programs. Compatriot Yates reported that he is in contact with the Bryson City High School JROTC, and the Cherokee High School JROTC officer's to determine when we can provide the Outstanding Cadet his or her Certificate/Metal for 2015. Compatriot Yates indicated that the Cherokee High School presentations will be made this Thursday, March 19th. He and President Long will be present for that ceremony. Compatriot Yates also reported that the Bryson City High School ceremony will be held in April; however, he doesn't have the exact date yet.

Compatriot Yates reported on the progress of getting the fourth or fifth grade class involved in the SAR 2015 Poster Contest. He has been in contact with the three Macon County schools and will be following up with them. He also indicated that the teachers are looking forward in having their students participate in this contest. Compatriot Yates also reported that the posters will be presented to him the first of May.

Patriot Grave Registration/Marking:

President Long requested Compatriot Ruble to provide a current status on Grave Marking activities. Compatriot Ruble provided a list of potential grave marking for both Compatriots and Patriots for the year 2015. The Compatriots are Bob Carpenter and Bill Davidson, and the Patriots are William Trammell and William Thomas.

Blue Ridge Mountain (BRM) GASSAR Interface:

President Long announced that Compatriot Ruble will serve as the chapter interface with the BRM chapter, GASSAR, to coordinate all joint activities. Compatriot Ruble will provide information to members on activities that our chapter can participate in with the BRM chapter direct to our membership and advise BRM who can participate in what events. Compatriot Ruble identified the following activities where we could participate:

1. April 18th – Patriot Day in Blairsville
2. May 23rd – Memorial Day parade in Blairsville and Hayesville
3. June 14th – Flag Retirement with Boy Scout Troop 101
4. July 4th – Independence Day

Participation in these events depend on if they don't impact our own events. We would need members from the chapter to notify myself or President Long if they will be able to participate.

DAR Interface/upcoming events:

President Long gave a current status of activities that we are working with the DAR, one is cleaning and rebuilding Cpl. Whites Grave site, which will not require any assistance from SAR members since he has a group of High School students from Nantahala that will be doing the work. This activity is scheduled for April 18th. We will be co-hosting a Genealogy Workshop with the Franklin chapter of the DAR on May 16th. We are also working with the Murphy DAR chapter to plan a Genealogy Workshop to be held either in Murphy or Hayesville.

New Business:

Election of Officers:

President Long identified that he had a nomination of Dual member Compatriot Anderson for the position of Chaplin for the 2015 year. President Long request if there were any other nominations for Chaplin, and none were given. He then asked for a motion to accept Compatriot Anderson to be the chapters Chaplin for the year 2015. Motion to approve Compatriot Anderson to be Chaplin was made by Compatriot Yates, and seconded by Compatriot Jellison. President Long then asked the members to accept the motion to have Compatriot Anderson be elected as Chaplin for the year 2015. All members approved the motion.

President Long identified that he had a nomination of Compatriot Jellison for the position of Vice President for the year 2015. President Long requested if there were any other nominations for Vice President, and none were given. He then asked for a motion to accept Compatriot Jellison to be the chapters Vice President for the year 2015. Compatriot Ruble moved that we accept Compatriot Jellison to serve as Vice President for the year 2015, seconded by Compatriot McCracken. President Long asked the members to accept the motion to have Compatriot Jellison to serve as Vice President for the year of 2015. All members approved the motion.

President Long then identified that Compatriot Ruble would be willing to continue serving in the capacity of Secretary, Treasurer, and Genealogist for the year 2015. President Long asked if there were any other nominations for these positions, and none were given. President Long requested a motion that Compatriot Ruble be elected to the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and Genealogist. Motion to accept Compatriot Ruble for these three positions was made by Compatriot Yates, and seconded by Compatriot Ives. President Long asked the members to accept the motion to have Compatriot Ruble serve as Secretary, Treasurer, and Genealogist for the year 2015. All members approved the motion.

President Long then said that he would continue to serve as President for just one more year, and asked if anyone had another nomination for President in 2015. None were given. President long the requested a motion to have Compatriot Long serve one more year as President. Compatriot Ives moved that Compatriot Long serve as chapter President for the year 2015, and motion was seconded by Compatriot Yates. President Long then asked the members to accept the motion to have Compatriot Long serve as President for the year 2015. All members approved.

President long requested that members in each of our communities bring a candidate for the National SAR correct display of the American Flag award to our April meeting. Members need to confirm that individuals, companies, government agency buildings, and or civic organizations that display the flag properly both during the day or both day and night. He also identified that we need to start reaching out to people in the community to become members of the chapter. Members should bring a quest/prospect to the April meeting as this is by far the most effective way for us to recruit new members.

President Long then asked if any additional new business need to be discussed. None were presented.

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 newly elected Chaplin Compatriot Anderson to give the benediction.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Compatriot John Ruble – Secretary/Genealogist