

SADDLEBROOKE GENEALOGY CLUB MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 5, 2015

The regular meeting of the SBGC was held in the Coyote Room, and was called to order by President Dave Tiefenbach at 1:00 p.m. The hot tip, from [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com), gave advice on finding and visiting your ancestors in cemeteries.

Dave welcomed our guest speaker, Janna Bennington, and the following guests: Nancy Skogsbern, Nancy Murphy, Mary Tyson, Sharon Palm, Donald Barnes, Russ and Barb Soderberg, Beverly Kistler, Gretchen Downey, Don Merritt, and Ray Thompson.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as posted on our website.

Randy Gibbs introduced the speaker, whose topic was "Finding Maiden Names", often a difficult task.

Pat Spencer gave the financial report. Beginning balance was \$3,154.03, deposits \$60.00, and expenses \$135.23, leaving a balance January 31 of \$3,078.69. The savings account balance is \$3,000.00. The report will be placed on file.

Pat read the board's recommendations on ways to reduce the reserve fund. They include: reducing the annual dues from \$20 to \$15 per member and eliminating the family membership; paying half the luncheon cost of volunteers honored at the annual luncheon; holding a workshop with a well-known speaker (providing a member volunteers to chair the project); giving two door prizes at each meeting; and increasing the librarian's budget, should it be needed. The reserve fund would be maintained at \$1,000.00 for computers or equipment.

Our bylaws state that "The amount of dues may be adjusted as an item of regular business at the beginning of a fiscal year without modifying the bylaws of the club." Dave explained that quite a few members pay their dues in April and May before leaving for the summer. The Board is in the process of developing the budget for fiscal year 2015-2016, which begins June 1, and it must be approved by the membership at the May meeting. If we wait to change the dues until after the new fiscal year begins, members will not benefit until 2016. Therefore, he entertained the following motion: "I move that the membership dues of \$20 for a single membership or \$30 for a family membership be changed to \$15 per member, effective 1 Jun 2015." Hod Wells made the motion, seconded by Joann Porter. Motion carried.

#### Unfinished Business

Dave read the following statement: In regard to the bylaw revisions proposed at the last meeting and while discussing amendments to the bylaws recommended by the Board, I did not properly restate the motions as required by Roberts Rules of Order; that is, I did not repeat the motions to ensure that the secretary had the exact wording. Therefore, the Board determined that the club will continue to be governed by the bylaws as amended 7 May 2009.

Christine Nelson invited members and guests to the March 5th luncheon, to be held at noon in the Mountain View East Ballroom. The all-inclusive cost is \$15.00, payable with a check made out to SBGC and sent to Pat Spencer, 64487 Galveston Lane, by February 20th, along with your menu choice.

Sharon Scanlan has volunteered to do a quarterly update on our website surname list. Thanks, Sharon!

Door prizes were awarded to Carol Sorensen and Kerry Wolfe. A board meeting open to all members, will be held following this meeting.

Adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia Karcher, Secretary