

SaddleBrooke Genealogy Club

Minutes of the January 5, 2017 Meeting

Club President Kerry Wolfe called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. She opened with Henry Hydenwell's "10 New Year's Resolutions from 1852" that were guaranteed to cause brick walls for genealogists! Kerry thanked Lydia O'Connor, our new Publicist for the excellent article she recently had published in the January 2017 issue of the Saddlebag Notes on our Genealogy Club. Kerry said that Secretary Patty Burke and Member-at-Large Kris Nelson were ill and Treasurer Pat Spencer was out-of-town.

Kerry welcomed guests Jack & Marian Doherty, Stan Smith, and Jim Sugg, who became a new member today.

The minutes were posted last week on our website and were approved as posted. Treasurer Pat Spencer was absent so her report will be posted on the website.

Program Chair Randy Gibbs introduced our guest speaker, Dave Troxell from Sun City West, originally from Pennsylvania, who gave an excellent presentation on Revolutionary War uniforms, weaponry, equipment and stories about re-enactments he has been involved with of key historical events and battles. It was a fascinating presentation! Dave stayed after the meeting to answer questions from members.

Sharon Scanlan reported on the SB Genealogy Club library collection, now available at DesertView Library. In the 6 weeks it has been there, it has been a big success. During December the library featured a display of books from the collection. SBGC Librarian Patty Burke has added to the collection and purchased some new books. More will be added. In March, SB Library Director Janet Fabio will write a Saddlebag Notes "Book Nook" article and there will be another genealogy book display at the library. Sharon also reminded members to access the Surname List link on the website to send her surnames to be included on our club list. We have over 800 surnames but she hasn't received any new ones in many months.

Kerry discussed the new Special Interest Groups (SIGS) – DNA, organized by Gloria Quigg; and Irish Ancestry, which Bonnie Lucas is organizing. The DNA group has about 10 members and has met twice. They will begin meeting monthly on the 3rd Monday from 12:00 – 2:00 PM in the Bobcat Room in the SaddleBrooke Clubhouse, where internet is available for web demonstrations. The next meeting is Monday, January 16 at 12:00 PM. Patty Burke will discuss GEDMATCH.

Dave Tiefenbach discussed the recently available Family Tree Maker software update available from the new FTM owner, McKiev. He has prepared instructions and suggestions, which are available on our website. Dave also mentioned the RootsMagic class he is teaching for the SB Computer Club. You must be a member of the club to take the class. It will begin March 3 and meet from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM for 5 weeks. He still has 3 openings.

Kerry introduced member, Dan Williams, who showed some incredible Revolutionary War wood carvings he has done – one of a soldier with a "long rifle" and one of a standard bearer carrying George Washington's personal flag into battle. Our guest speaker confirmed their authenticity!

Door prize winners were Lynn Simon and Sandy Williamson.

Dave Tiefenbach was available after the meeting to answer questions on Ancestry, FTM and RootsMagic.

Kerry adjourned the meeting at 2:35 PM.

Sharon Scanlan, for Secretary Patty Burke