

SaddleBrooke Genealogy Club
Minutes of the Meeting held on October 1, 2015

President Kerry Wolfe called to order the meeting of the SaddleBrooke Genealogy Club at 1:00 PM on October 1, 2015. President Wolfe started the meeting by telling a joke, the 10 ways to tell if you have genealogy OCD, joke courtesy of Gloria Quigg

President Wolfe asked if there were any guests. There were none. She asked if there were any new members. Betty Meyer joined the club this month. She is a returning member, having belonged to the club at some point previously.

President Wolfe introduced the newly elected officers for this coming year and thanked them for agreeing to serve.

President Wolfe introduced the committees:

- Sharon Scanlon – Audit Committee
- Tom Larkin – IT
- Patty Burke and Linda Hendricks – Librarians
- Bonnie Lucas – Membership
- Nora Graff – Publicity
- Sharon Scanlon – Surnames (submitted by members in their family trees)
- Dave & Pat Tiefenbach – webmasters
- Gloria Quigg – Members helping members (showed list of members who have agreed to help members with various genealogy research areas)

The minutes of the May meeting were posted just the night before the meeting. Because club members had not had sufficient time to review the minutes, President Wolfe did not ask members to move to accept the minutes.

Kay Calvin introduced the speaker, Janna Larson. Ms Larson described PERSI which stands for PERiodical Search Index. PERSI was founded and is maintained by the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. PERSI indexes:

- 11,000 letters
- 9,000 current subscriptions to genealogy newsletters from sources such as county and state genealogical societies
- 3,000 now defunct subscriptions
- 23 military organizations (?)

PERSI also indexes sources not typically sourced anywhere else:

- Bible records
- Funeral home records
- Small cemeteries
- Extracts from newspapers
- Church records
- Loose papers

Ms Larson described some search strategies for finding information in PERSI. She also discussed how to create a research log, as well as other strategies for locating information on ancestors. She described in detail a specific search she did to identify a female ancestor's maiden name.

Pat Spencer gave the treasurer's report. The club has #3,000 in a savings account and \$40 in petty cash. The club had \$2,782.17 in a checking account. An additional \$90 was received, bringing the total to \$2,872.17. There have been no expenses since the last report.

There was no unfinished business.

There were no reports from officers.

There was no new business.

President Wolfe showed us a photo book she had created through Groovebook.com. For a subscription of \$2.99 a month one can create a similar photo book from photos taken on one's cellphone or pad. A book has 100 pictures.

President Wolfe told about a Family History Conference that will be held on October 24th in Mesa at the LDS Temple at ASU. More information about this conference can be obtained from their website.

Hod Wells asked that President Wolfe inform members about the Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter.

President Wolfe reminded us that the November speaker is Kathleen Goodrich who will talk about searching on location.

There was a question about what the surnames list is. The answer is it is composed of surnames and locations of ancestors that members are researching. Members may submit this information to Sharon Scanlon who maintains the list.

There was another question about where can one get more information about DNA testing. Ginger Hess was identified as a person who can provide information about DNA testing.

Ms Larson, our speaker, said that Danielle Minetti, her business partner, is a DNA expert.

A drawing was held at the end of the meeting. There were two winners: Kay Colvin and Joanne Koblewski.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Christine Nelson substituting for Secretary Patty Burke.