



WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER  
Sons of the American Revolution

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Minutes of Meeting

The General Meeting of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR was called to order at 10:30 by President – Elect Clyde Johnson.

***Invocation – Richard Trout, Jr.***

The Invocation was given by Chaplin Richard Trout.

***Pledge of Allegiance – Ed Gingrich***

Ed Gingrich lead the Chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance.

***SAR Pledge – Jimmie Barnes***

Jimmie Barnes led the Chapter in the SAR Pledge.

***Installation of Officers for 2019***

Officers for 2019 were installed by Immediate FLSSAR Past President Bob Folk. The following officers/positions were installed:

- Clyde Johnson - President
  - Arthur Burt - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president
  - Dale Hash - Treasurer
  - Ken Lancaster - Secretary
- \* ***1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Richard Howard was unable to attend.***

***Introduction of Guests – Clyde Johnson***

President Clyde Johnson introduced Mr. Bob Seet and his wife Jennifer Seet, Wayne Hughes, and Tom Bowen.

***Opening Comments – Clyde Johnson***

President Johnson provided Opening comments thanking everyone for their vote of confidence in allowing him to be their President. President Johnson went on to talk about his goals for the year to include growing Chapter membership encouraging those present to talk to friends and relatives about the Sons of the American Revolution.

President Johnson also offered that he would pursue speakers to provide interesting topics for Chapter meetings which may include compatriot ancestor discussions. He finally noted that he would willingly accept any recommendations or suggestions to make the Chapter better. He also promised prompt response.

### ***Induction of New Members – Clyde Johnson***

James Peyton was inducted into the Withlacoochee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Mr. Peyton's wife Karen was in attendance pinning the SAR Rosette on his lapel.

### ***Committee Reports***

- ***Treasurer's Report – Dale Hash***

There was no overview of the status of the Treasury offered. Mr. Hash did state that the Treasury was in good standing and that copies of the details of financial transactions would be available for individual review.

- ***Secretary's Report – Ken Lancaster***

Mr. Lancaster summarized the December General Meeting. The meeting was held prior to the Chapter's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

- A report from the Registrar was given by Mrs. Brown indicating that the Chapter membership had reached eighty (80) members. Mrs. Brown also mentioned that there were a number of prospective members working.
- A report of upcoming Color Guard activities was given by Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson.
- A final request for nominations for Chapter Officers was made per protocol. There were none. Seeing none, a vote was taken by those in attendance and the nominees accepted by acclamation.

A motion was made by Mr. Bob Folk to accept the Treasurers and the Secretary's Report. The motion was seconded by Richard Sumner. A vote was taken by those in attendance and the motion approved without exception.

- ***Eagle Scouts – Clyde Johnson***

There was a discussion regarding the Eagle Scout Program. President Johnson asked for a showing of hand of those members who are Eagle Scouts. Michael Houle indicated that he was an Eagle Scout. President Johnson went on to say that Richard Howard was also an Eagle Scout and that the Chapter would be moving forward with a program recognize them in an upcoming meeting.

- ***Knight Essay Contest***

Caleb S. Shepard was announced as the winner of the Essay Contest and that the awards would be given at the next meeting. It is expected that Caleb would read his essay at the next meeting.

- ***Poster Contest - Norm Freyer***

Mr. Freyer gave a report on the status of the Poster Contest. Mr. Freyer indicated that approximately one hundred twenty five (125) students have participated in the contest to date. Mr. Freyer also indicated that he, Russ Gibson, and Bob Folk would be doing a presentation at Hernando Elementary School. Finally, Mr. Freyer said he would be stepping down from the Committee Chair for the Poster

Contest.

- ***JROTC/Sea Cadets – Russell Gibson***

Mr. Gibson provided his report on the subject indicating that he would be contacting the high schools to begin the program.

- ***Registrar's Report – Stephen and Vicki Brown***

Mrs. Brown provided the Registrar's report highlighting that the membership has remained stable with a current membership of eighty (80). There has been a new member total as of December 2018 of eleven (11). This report included new members James Peyton and Michael Wilson. Applications have been completed for signature for Thomas Barnette and Millard Hodge. Three people, Robert Seet, Thomas Bowen, and Wayne Hughes have recently applied for membership.

Mrs. Brown concluded saying that the number of members would change due to transfers, illness, and due to lack of payment of dues.

- ***State /National Officers – Bob Folk***

There was no specific report from Mr. Folk.

- ***Speakers Roundtable***

In lieu of a guest Speaker, President Johnson asked that each member stand and introduce themselves providing a brief overview of their patriot ancestor, military service, family and or career.

***Lunch was served at 11:45***

***The meeting reconvened at 12:50***

- ***Awards & Presentations***

President Johnson recognized Ed Gingrich for his years of service providing him with his ten (10) year pin.

- ***Color Guard – Russell Gibson***

Mr. Gibson reported that the Color Guard was unable to participate in the Wreaths Across America Event in Bushnell due to inclement weather. Mr. Gibson went on to say that the Color Guard is expected to participate in the upcoming Last Naval Battle in Merritt Island and the Battle of Thomas Creek in Jacksonville.

- ***Publicity – Norm Freyer***

Mr. Freyer reported that the Chapter has exceeded a previous target of print media articles. The Chapter has published fifty seven (57) articles in 2018. He also stated that he has submitted an article written regarding the Chapter's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and one titled "While You Are Traveling" to National for publication.

- ***Web Page – Ken Dunn***

Mr. Dunn discussed the Chapter web page providing a general overview highlighting a recent search feature added to the site.

- ***Newsletter – Larry Sturgeon***

Nothing to report.

- ***Past President – Larry Sturgeon***

Nothing to report.

- ***Veterans***

Mr. Teater was unable to attend the meeting. However, there was some discussion about the upcoming book drive for the Veterans Home in April. There was also discussion of the acquisition of a plaque for Walmart employees for their contribution of eighteen boxes of items to veterans.

- ***Old Business – Clyde Johnson***

Chapter reports due in by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Please copy Larry Sturgeon.

- ***New Business – Clyde Johnson***

There was a general discussion about a recent article in the Citrus County Chronicle regarding compatriot Richard Howard. Judge Howard was recently named to be Administrative Judge over all Circuit Court judges.

Mr. Sturgeon reported that he submitted the Chapter membership at seventy two members. Mr. Sturgeon also stated for the record that Mr. Len Crawford was the member of the Chapter with the longest membership.

Mrs. Lincoln (Barbara) announced that this would be her last meeting with the Chapter thanking the members for their kindness and hospitality.

Mr. Stephen Brown and his wife Vicki were recognized for their efforts as Registrar and Genealogy and their contributions to the growing membership.

- ***SAR Auxiliary – Ellie Folk***

No report

- ***Happy Dollars – Dale Hash***

Happy Dollars were collected by Dale Hash

- ***SAR Recessional – Norm Freyer***

Mr. Norn Freyer led us in the SAR Recessional.

***Upcoming Events***

***Battle of Cowpens in SC (January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019)***

***Winter BOM (February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019)***

***EBM (January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019)***

***10:30 A.M.***

***General Meeting (February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019)***

***10:30 A.M.***

***The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.***

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Clyde Johnson, President

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Ken Lancaster, Secretary