

**M. Graham Clark Chapter
Missouri Society
The Sons of the American Revolution
20 February 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Opening: the meeting was called to order by president Chance at 8:36 a.m. Since there was only one uniformed color guard present, the colors were already posted. Chaplain Merrill gave the Invocation, COM Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance and COM Coutts led the SAR Pledge. There were 38 people present: 21 members and 17 visitors. Visitors of note were: Eagle Scout Award winner Luke Troyer and his parents, John and Joni; Doug Callahan, Executive Director of the Great Rivers Council, Boy Scouts, who was also the program presenter; Roger Fries, prospective member; and Ken Anderson, prospective member. Birthdays announced were as follows: COM Thomas, COM Butler; COM Lehenbauer; COM Charles Lee; Esther Rosner, daughter of COM Lehenbauer; COM J. Y Miller II; and COM Coutts.

The following member health issues were raised: COM Cunningham has indicated to COM Coutts that he has some information for the chapter, as he is needing to “downsize” and COM Coutts will go by and see COM Cunningham after the meeting. COM DeVenney has two health issues in his family, the first being his niece who has been having health issues and has been hospitalized and the other being his six day old granddaughter is having health issues. President Chance asked that these people be remembered in the thoughts and prayers of all the attendees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m. for breakfast.

Reconvened: The meeting was reconvened at 9:16 a.m. and President Chance introduced Mr. Doug Callahan, the Executive Director of the Great River Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Callahan stated that there were 65 new Eagle Scouts in the Boonslick District. He further stated the Great Rivers Council administers the programs for 33 counties, spanning from the Ozarks to the St Louis area. He said the efforts wherein the Sons of the American Revolution and the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) work together is the King Scholarship. He was not sure how long this partnership has been in effect. Mr. Callahan stated that “Scouting is alive and well.” He said the Boonslick District takes in Boone, Howard and Cooper counties in Missouri. There has been a growth in the Cub Scouts program as well as the Explorer Program, which is done in conjunction with law enforcement and includes both male and female youth.

Mr. Callahan stated there is a camp at the Lake of the Ozarks, in Laurie, Missouri. This camp is about 500 acres in size and is called Camp Hohn. It was decided recently to combine the two camps: Camp Thunderbird and Camp Hohn, to make one camp. Camp Thunderbird, near Moberly, was sold in 2011 and is used as a church camp, though the Boy Scouts can still use it.

Mr. Callahan stated that last year there were 131 Eagle Scouts awarded in the Great Rivers Council area, which included over 5,900 merit badges. The top five merit badges last year were: 1. First Aid (197 merit badges), 2. Swimming (185 merit badges), Camping (180 merit badges), 4. Archery (165 merit badges) and tying for 5. Cooking and Communication Citizens (159 merit badges each). All are required for the Eagle Scout except for archery. Mr. Cuallahan stated the archery merit badge is so popular because there is a great archery program at Camp Hohn, which is very popular with the scouts.

Other merit badges awarded were: Architecture, Aviation, Cinematography, Composite Materials, Digital Technology, Entrepreneurship, Game Design, Inventing, Model Design and Building, Movie making, Robotics, Search and Rescue and Sustainability.

In 2015, there were new programs and activities as follows: the Cub Scout program was revamped making it easier for leaders to do. There was a new Scout Handbook published for the first time in 13 years. At the local level, at the camping facility there was a start to SCUBA training and Camp Hohn is the only camp to offer this. There also was begun a pistol shooting and jet skiing program. Mr. Callahan pointed out these are not done together—in other words, one does not shoot pistols under water. There will be a shotgun training program begun shortly as well.

He also stated there is a Capitol Campaign underway called Building Leaders for Life. One thing that needs to be done is to get newer boats. The ones there are rather old. There is also a growing emphasis on science and technology. There will be a program called Invention Scouts, where a mobile lab trailer will go to schools and scouts can utilize this to learn the tasks of 3-D design and printing, milling, and other technological areas. There will be a 3-D printer in the mobile lab. There are plans to have such a lab at Camp Hohn in the near future as well, so scouts and use it while at camp. For more information on this exciting program, go to www.inventionscouts.org.

Mr. Callahan talked about the Eagle Scout program. He said about 4% of scouts attain this rank. The Eagle Scout shows leadership and beliefs in service. 72% of all high school and class presidents are Eagle Scouts. Baylor University studied Eagle Scouts and Gallup did the survey. They asked 2500 men about their scouting experience and 134 were Eagle Scouts. A brochure was handed out to the attendees, which reported the finding of this study. Among the findings were: 73% of Eagle Scouts were more likely to have voted in the last election; 66% were more likely to have volunteered their time to a religious organization; 76% were more likely to have held a leadership position in their local community; 81% were more likely to say they achieved a spiritual goal in the last year; 92% were more likely to be active in a group that works to protect the environment; and 45% were more likely to say they always treated people of other religions with respect.

Lastly, Mr. Callahan stated that last Presidents Day there was a Recognition Day at the State Capitol Building. 240 Eagle Scouts and over 500 guests were there. This began about 7 years ago. He said Governor Nixon talks there, as he is an Eagle Scout, as is Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder. Mr. Callahan said last year there were 33,000 merit badges awarded, 24,000 service projects and the dollar value to the service projects is approximately \$5 million dollars. And, there were 240,000 troop meetings held.

Question and answer: it was asked if there were to be a Cub Scout Camp and Mr. Callahan said that is part of the Capitol Campaign. It was asked if Camp Thunderbird is closed and Mr. Callahan said it was, to consolidate with Camp Hohn. It was asked if there ever has been a study done on boys who are scouts but do not become Eagle Scouts. Mr. Callahan said that was studied a few years before the Eagle Scout study. He said that 81% of scouts graduated high school, as opposed to 71% of other boys and that 33% of scouts graduated college, as opposed to 17% of other boys. He also said it was found that men who were scouts earned more than those who were not, and this was possibly due to the leadership issue—those who were in scouting were more likely to be in leadership, and higher paying, positions in their careers. It was asked if there was still a program called Sea Scouts. Mr. Callahan said this program is to be restarted in the near future. Lastly, COM Lee mentioned that Eagle Scouts, when they join the military, enter at one rank above other recruits, which Mr. Callahan acknowledged.

Eagle Scout Award: At this time. President Chance asked COM Dietzel, the Eagle Scout Award chairman, to come forward. COM Dietzel then called Luke Troyer, the Eagle Scout Award winner for the chapter to come forward, and he presented him with the Eagle Scout pin. Scout Troyer is a member of Scout Troop 706.

At this time Eagle Scout Troyer presented his paper on William Dawes, who was one of the men who alerted the colonials about the British invasion prior to the Battles of Lexington and Concord. Dawes did not get the acclaim that Paul Revere did because he never wrote his autobiography and was not mentioned in Longfellow's poem.

Dawes was born on 6 April 1745 and was a tanner by trade. He was a member of the British Militia. Prior to the ride he made which did not make him famous, he had stolen 2 canons from the British, in October 1774. On April 18, 1775, the ride was made and he rode 17 miles and arrived at Hancock's home. Dawes did not wake up all the minutemen—he was only instructed to go to Hancock's house, which was all he did. Revere, on the other hand, did wake up several minutemen. Dawes died 25 February 1799 at the age of 53.

After the presentation, COM Dietzel presented Luke with a check for \$50.

Presentation of Supplemental Certificates: At this time President Chance called COM Miller to the podium. He presented COM Miller with the supplemental certificates, which were approved. The Patriots for which these were applied were: James Daugherty, James Wahab and John Walkup.

Installation of New Officers: President Chance then called upon Chaplain Merrill, who is also a Past-President of the chapter, to install the new officers for 2016. COM Merrill called the new officers to the front of the room, as listed:

President: COM Jack Chance
Vice-President: COM Wayne Reynolds
Immediate Past-President: COM J. Y. Miller II
Secretary: COM Harold Kerr
Treasurer: COM Larry Dietzel
Genealogist/Registrar: COM Ed Thomas
Historian:
Chaplain: COM Mark Stuart
Sgt. At Arms: COM Jonathan Butler

COM Merrill then inducted the officers into office. He further stated to the membership that it is their responsibility to assist the officers to do their jobs in such a way to further the betterment of the chapter.

President Chance then mentioned to the meeting that COM Merrill is up for Missouri SAR position of 1st Vice-President.

Presentation of Certificates/Medals: President Chance presented the following certificates and medals:

Certificates of Appreciation:
COM Chance: President
COM Reynolds: Vice-President
COM J. Y. Miller II: Past-President/Webmaster
COM Kerr: Secretary
COM Coutts: Past-President/Past-Treasurer
COM Merrill: Chaplain/Historian
COM Dietzel: Sgt. At Arms/Eagle Scout Chairman
COM Thomas: Genealogist
COM DeVenney: Trustee
COM Woodward: Trustee
Nancy Thomas: Outstanding Citizenship Award (+Pin)

Medals:
COM J. Y. Miller II: Missouri SAR State Silver Medal
COM Coutts: Missouri SAR State Silver Medal
COM Kerr: Meritorious Service

Reports:

Secretary Report: President Chance called on COM Kerr to give the Secretary Report. COM Kerr mentioned that, at the bottom of page 2 the mention of "Wild Bill Cody" should have said "Buffalo Bill Cody". COM Kerr also stated he has new glasses which have bifocals so he hopefully will do a better job on the type of the minutes from now on, since there were several typos last month. The minutes were approved as written.

COM Miller stated that these minutes are available on the website and that, in the future, there will not be as many copies printed for the meetings, since the cost is proving prohibitive.

Treasurer Report: President Chance called on COM Coutts to give the Treasurer's Report. COM Coutts stated that, as of 31 January 2016 the balance on the M. Graham Clark Operations Account was \$1,694.36. COM Coutts further stated the M. Graham Clark Endowment Fund Account; as of 31 January 2016 was \$13,135.35, of which \$360.05 is in available funds. The Treasurer Report was approved as read.

Genealogy Report: Nancy Thomas stated that there presently are 4 new applications at National awaiting decision. There are 12 supplemental applications at National awaiting decision. There is one 1 supplemental at State. She has 5 supplemental applications to work on. There are 5 prospective new members. We have 1 new member and 1 supplemental application approved thus far this year.

FOGG Report: COM Kerr reported he submitted the FOGG Report and mentioned that there is also an Americanism/Presidents General Report and these overlap quite a bit so he will keep a running tab of activities.

Books for Schools: President Chance asked COM Reynolds to report on the Books for Schools program. COM Reynolds stated we have distributed 60 books to various schools for about \$1000. We are expanding to the Middle School level. We are still taking donations from members and anyone wishing to do so should see Larry Dietzel, our new Treasurer.

COM Reynolds also stated we need to look into having a Speakers Bureau. He, COM Coutts and COM Miller went to Hallsville and the presentation went very well and the schools are very interested in this. He said they are going to Higbee on 24 March 2016 at 10 am in case anyone would want to come see it in action. This will be on the website and we would need to have names of people and topics who would like to be included in this project.

COM Miller motioned and COM Stuart seconded that we put it on the website. This was approved unanimously by the members. The new page will include other programs available from the Chapter. Members are requested to send program info to Webmaster Miller if they are willing to present a program to schools or clubs.

President Chance reminded the attendees of the upcoming Missouri SAR Convention on April 29-30 at Stoney Creek Inn, in Independence Missouri. The Genealogist General will be there.

COM Merrill reminded the attendees of the upcoming grave marking for the grave of M. Graham Clark on 12 March 2016 in Branson Missouri. COM Merrill and COM Lybarger will be there as part of the color guards.

President Chance mentioned for the following members to meet following the meeting to arrange an Executive Committee meeting: COM Chance, COM Miller, COM Kerr, COM Dietzel and COM Reynolds.

Closing: There being no further business, President Chance asked that COM Charles Lee lead the SAR Recessional and that Chaplain Stuart lead the Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold H. Kerr II, Secretary
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