

Minutes of the Sons of the American Revolution, Norfolk Chapter  
Membership Meeting  
March 10, 2020

President Gary Pridgen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Gus and George's Restaurant.

The Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and SAR Pledge were recited.

President Gary Pridgen introduced guests and guest speakers.

Madeline Herring, Virginia State President, C.A.R. gave a presentation on Patrick Henry and spoke about her project to raise \$10,000 for restoration of St. John's Church and its bell.

Ken Hawkins introduced the Eagle Scout essay winner, Austin Doyle, mentioning that he has earned 97 merit badges which were displayed on his sash. They went all the way to his back. Austin spoke on his essay about Joseph Plumb Martin.

Tom Whetstone introduced the George S. & Stella M. Knight essay winner, Sean Jolly who presented his essay. It was also mentioned that Sean is an Eagle Scout as well.

A motion to accept the previous meeting minutes was made by Wayne Boone, seconded and passed.

The meeting proceeded with some Unfinished Business:

- Membership Certificates were presented to Bob Bruce and Derek Sutton
- Ken Hawkins presented Maury Weeks in absentia with Certificate and Medal

New Business:

- Gary Pridgen presented Maury Weeks in absentia with Certificate and Medal from the VASSAR Annual Meeting for the Silver Roger Sherman Medal
- Gary Pridgen spoke about the Chapter Awards from the VASSAR Annual Meeting – two public service awards and nine Chapter award streamers - Chapter Excellence, Best Medium Chapter, Best EMS person, Best Eagle Scout, Grave Marking, and others.
- Gary Pridgen presented Ken Hawkins with Certificate for Past Chapter President
- A discussion started concerning the Battle of the Capes security and the difficulty which was experienced in accessing Fort Story. This needs to be corrected before this year's ceremony. Kevin Johnson may be able to assist in getting participants through the gate. Austin Doyle knows French NATO officers whom we are trying to get their participation.
- Warren spoke about an effort to get all history of our area together
- Richard Walker about the Scout competition being electronic. Ken Hawkins is coordinator for our chapter
- Tom Whetstone explained the Knight Essay
- Richard Walker made a motion to move our meeting place to Norfolk Yacht or Cypress Point. Gary Pridgen mentioned that this subject was brought up at last Board meeting. The motioned was tabled for Gary and the Board to research and present recommendations to membership.
- Information was presented by Patrick Hannum on the James Plantation event

The meeting was closed with the SAR Recessional and Benediction.

These Minutes are respectfully submitted for your review and acceptance.

Historian Robert E. Bruce IV