

## Minutes for January 24, 2019

Secretary Report: Approved as read

Treasurer Report: Bank balance of \$5938.65 as of 01.24.19

- Membership Dues and donations continue to be received. (As of 2.15.19, 47 memberships renewed out of 91 on roster.)

Business:

- Grounds Report: No activity

- Web Page Report: 20,000 hits on web page

-Member's report: Hall Battle passed away 11.13.18

-Election:

- Anthony Monnat has agreed to serve on the Board for the cemetery, pending election results.
- Christine Colcord will be handing over Treasury duties to Susan Casada, who will be Secretary/Treasurer pending election results.
- Wendy Meyers has agreed to serve as President pending election results.
- Don Casada has offered to continue to act as Program Coordinator.

Program: Presentations on Bryson family by Wendy Meyers and Don Casada. We had special guests Ed and Dan Bryson, great-grandsons of T.D. Bryson, and their wives to share fond memories of their Bryson ancestors, including their grandfather, "The Judge" and father, Edwin. The meeting was very well received, and we had our largest attendance to date.

Attendees:

Bob Thomas	Christine Proctor	Jessica Webb	Sara Robinson
O'Neal Muse	Dan Welch	Dan Bryson	Beverly Bryson
Ed Bryson	Kathie Bryson	Jim Gribble	Betty Sandlin
Louise Smith	Delores Price	Judy Revis	Doug Revis
Ethel Michelotti	Margy Trehern	Dan Trehern	Beth Eckstein
Wendy Meyers	Jim Estes	Bud Cantrell	Alatha Cantrell
Linda DeCarlo	Kate Welch	Ann Marie Woffindin	Anna Whitaker Finkle
Don Casada	Susan Casada	Christine Colcord	

Next meetings will be February 21 (annual meeting and election to be held) and March 21.

## Minutes for February 21, 2019

Secretary Report: Approved as read with change in spelling of “Whitaker”

Treasurer Report: Bank balance of \$6,247.39 as of 01.31.19

CD Balance of \$9,066.97 as of 2.21.19, Interest to date: \$66.97

### Business:

#### - Grounds Report:

\*Steve Colville repaired the weed eater free of charge as contribution to the Cemetery.

\*The Watkins Cemetery (black section) was cleaned with FBCC equipment with Board approval.

\*United Community Fund will award \$500 for Cemetery beautification on April 1. Flowers and shrubs to be purchased (some in advance of award). The JROTC and other school groups will help with planting as per the grant approval.

- Web Page Report: Photo of Cemetery on Google Maps has been viewed 1000 times. Don has added the FBCC website link.

-Member's report: Ivan Gibby to have brain surgery at Duke on 2.26.19

#### -Election:

- Wendy Meyers - President.
- Susan Casada – Secretary-treasurer
- Anthony Monnat – Director of the FBCC Board

Program: PowerPoint presentations on “Banking Connections in the Bryson City Cemetery”. Don Casada focused on the Citizens Bank history in anticipation of the building restoration and opening of Gallery Zella.

#### Attendees:

Bob Thomas	Christine Proctor	Dan Welch
Jim Gribble	Betty Sandlin	Louise Smith
Wendy Meyers	Bud Cantrell	Alatha Cantrell
Don Casada	Susan Casada	Gwen Breese

Next meetings will be March 21 and April 18.

## Minutes for March 21, 2019

Secretary Report: Approved as read

Treasurer Report: Bank balance of \$6,987.39 as of 02.28.19

CD Balance of \$9,079.55 as of 2.28.19

### Business:

#### - Grounds Report:

- Thanks to Dan Welch for sawing up large fallen limb and stacking as well as picking up sticks.
- Planted 15 Azaleas and 2 rhododendron.

#### -Funding sources:

- Motion to allow Don Casada to sell canvas pictures and maps as a fund raiser for FBBC.
- Jim Casada is pledging annual donation from his RMD and challenges others as tax advantage and contribution to FBCC.

-Member's report: Ivan Gibby is doing well after brain surgery at Duke on 2.26.19

Program: PowerPoint presentation on "Brevard Brown, Star Athlete". Don Casada has prepared application for his nomination into the Swain High Athletic Hall of Fame. This was approved by 14 members present with 4 members on the Hall of Fame selection committee refraining from the vote. Memories were shared including the singing of the Swain High Song by alumni.

### Attendees:

Bob Thomas	Christine Proctor	Dan Welch	Joyce Cooper
Doris Casebolt	Jack Casebolt	Jim Gribble	Betty Sandlin
Louise Smith	O'Neal Muse	Sara Robinson	Judy Revis
Doug Revis	Wendy Meyers	Bud Cantrell	Alatha Cantrell
Don Casada	Susan Casada		

Next meeting will be April 18.

Agenda, April 18, 2019

Secretary-Treasurer Report

Grounds Report

Heritage Day - - Volunteer sign ups, Canvas fund raiser

Discussion of Shooting Victims in B.C. Cemetery and Circumstances

## Minutes for April 21, 2019

Secretary Report: Approved as read

Treasurer Report: Bank balance of \$8,456.70

CD Balance of \$9,099.27

### Business:

#### - Grounds Report:

- Thanks to JROTC for planting flower seeds, cleaning debris at tree trunk, spreading mulch and other grounds work.

- Planting of flowers continues. Gay Mitchell Kriek donated 2 azaleas and mulch that were planted on Dr Mitchell's grave. Sara Robinson's donation for the flower fund was used to purchase a weeping cherry tree that was planted to replace a dogwood tree mistakenly cut down at the J.C. and Burdell Marr family plot.

#### -Funding sources:

-Canvas pictures by Don Casada to be sold at Heritage Day, May 25. Sign-ups for help next meeting May 16.

#### -Member's report:

-Ivan Gibby is improving after brain surgery and attended our meeting.

-Bryan Jackson (Will Wiggins great grandson) living in WA has reoccurrence of cancer.

-Judy Revis recovering from left carotid artery surgery.

-Doug Revis to have surgery on cancer on his nose in Chapel Hill.

Program: Discussion of shooting victims in the BC Cemetery and the circumstances. This is a preview of more in-depth presentations in the future. These include Hol Rose & Babe Burnett shooting, Troy Muse & Al Dorsey shooting, and Alfred Cline shooting.

### Attendees:

Bob Thomas

Melody Greene

James Burnett

Ivan Gibby

Don Casada

Susan Casada

Lisa Monnat

Next meeting will be June 20.

## Minutes for May 16, 2019

Secretary Report: Approved as read

Treasurer Report: Bank balance of \$8,456.70

CD Balance of \$9,099.27

### Business:

#### - Grounds Report:

- Mowing continues in anticipation of Memorial Day weekend.
- JROTC plans to place flags for Memorial Day

#### -Funding sources:

- Donation expected from Toni and Don Davidson in the amount of \$5,000.

#### -Topics for Discussion

- Announcement made about Kephart Days June 7,8
- Heritage Day sign ups Saturday, May 25 to help with selling canvases as fund raiser
- Green Hill walking tour handout. Discussion on possibility for BC Cemetery. Concerns raised regarding insurance (or waiver of insurance form needed). Also, the plots are individually owned and would require getting permission from each family representative. The tour is in October at Green Hill if members would like to attend. The idea was effectively tabled.

Program: Individuals involved in medical and health profession. Five physicians buried in the cemetery were discussed: 1. Dr. James West 2. Dr E.M. Scruggs 3. Dr George Ward 4. Dr. J.E.T. Welch 5. Dr. R. L Davis

### Attendees:

Bob Thomas	Betty Sandlin	Margy Trehern	Ivan Gibby
Joyce Cooper	Jack Casebolt	Doris Casebolt	Wendy Meyers
Don Casada	Susan Casada	Dan Welch	Christine Proctor

Please note: The next meeting will be July 18.

## Minutes for June 20, 2019

Secretary Report: Approved as read  
Treasurer Report: Bank balance of \$14,159.87  
CD Balance of \$9,132.79

Business:

### Grounds Report

- Trash dumped on bank on Memorial Day. (trash, tarp, tv, microwave). Someone has picked most up and carted off. Microwave remains but in too much poison ivy to get now.
- DeHart family is having land surveyed and will offer for sale. Suggestions to contact nearby families to see if there is interest in purchase. Jack Casebolt agreed to contact the Fortner family.

### Funding sources

- Donation received from Toni and Don Davidson in the amount of \$5,000, which was included in the reported bank balance. The group approved depositing into interest-bearing CD, inasmuch as the Davidsons expressed a desire to put the money to work.

### Heritage Day Report

- Net contributions from canvas sales = \$374.
- Left over canvases for sale at end of meeting.
- Thanks to helpers at Heritage Day: Dan Welch, Bob Thomas, Wendy Meyers, Margy Trehern, Betty Sandlin, Don and Susan Casada

### Program

"Not so Random Thoughts and Selective Musings of a Mountaineer on the recently released biography *Back of Beyond* and works of Horace Kephart" by Don Casada, Amateur Historian. A printed life timeline for Horace Kephart was handed out. Both will be posted to the web site and members notified.

Attendees:

Bob Thomas	Betty Sandlin	Merrilyn Williams	Bill Williams
Beth Wadlington	Jack Casebolt	Doris Casebolt	Jim Estes
Jim Gribble	Don Casada	Susan Casada	O'Neal Muse
Sara Robinson	Lisa Monnat	Madeline Monnat	Lauren Monnat
Andrew Monnat	Bud Cantrell	Martin Maxwell	O.P. Holder
Jim Casada	Gwen Breese		

The next meeting will be July 18.

## Minutes for July 18, 2019

Secretary Report: Approved as read  
Treasurer Report: Bank balance of \$ 9,369.87 on 7.17.19  
CD # 1 Balance of \$9,132.79  
CD # 2 Balance of \$5,000.00

Business:

### Grounds Report

- Grounds mowed and trimmed multiple times in the last month.
- Flowers are blooming and very pretty. Please drive by.

### Funding sources

- We now have 2 CD's at United Community Bank.

### Leadership News

- Wendy Meyers has resigned as President. A new Interim President will be chosen by the Board of Directors in the near future.
- Ivan Gibby has agreed to be an additional signer on the checking account. He will be the one to approve reimbursement to Don and Susan Casada for purchases for the grounds (gas, parts for the equipment, flowers, fertilizer, etc.) Three of the Board Members have approved Ivan to be additional signer. (Bob Thomas, Judy Revis, and Susan Casada).

### Presentation

- Jean Douthit has donated glass negatives from the Frank Fry collection to the Special Collections of the Hunter Library at WCU. Jason Brady from WCU Library was at the meeting to accept these wonderful photographs.

### Program

"The Life, death, and family of Hol Rose, with tangents"

A standing room only crowd participated in and listened to the discussion related to the life, death, and family of James Holland Rose.

In addition to a nice showing of members, we had a number of guests, including several relatives of Hol Rose and Babe Burnett.

A number of folks contributed to the materials and the discussion, including new FBCC member Wanda Hall Liggett, a granddaughter of Hol Rose who has many relatives in the BC Cemetery (see page 14 of the presentation materials). Wanda's cousin, Brenda Henry Gordon contributed photos and other materials and gave an impassioned story of how she came to learn that she was a great-granddaughter of Hol Rose - just hours before it would have been too late.

Gary Reece, who is not a member, but had personal family knowledge of Babe Burnett's flight after the shooting of Hol Rose, recalled the story as told by his grandparents, Etta and Frank Browning, who lived on the creek just south of Brush Creek, Lakey Creek. Etta's mother was Babe Burnett's first cousin.

Also attending were great granddaughter of Babe Burnett, Kathy Burnett Reid and her husband Bill Reid with the shotgun that, according to family tradition, was used in the shooting.



The slides shown at the meeting plus a few added based on things which came out during the discussion have been posted to the FBCC site:

[http://friendsofthebccemetery.org/files/biographical/Hol\\_Rose.pdf](http://friendsofthebccemetery.org/files/biographical/Hol_Rose.pdf)

Attendees:  
See Attached.

The next meeting will be August 15.

July 18, 2019

Susan Casada

Don Casada

Brenda Henry Gordon

Jim Casada

Harry Reeco

James Duruel

Melody Greene

Bill Burnett

Maureen Barton

Bob Thomas

Robert S. McNeill

Sophie Carnes

Phoebe Carnes

Jesse Carnes

Jimmy

Teresa Barton

Kevin Barton

Bill Liggett

Sandra Hall Carver

Wanda Hall Liggett

Jessica Webb

Bud & Aatha Cantrell

FRANK MARCK

Kathleen Burnette Reid

William L. Reid

JOHN SLATER

Gracie Slater

Marty Maxwell

O.P. Helder

Joyce Cooper

Mary Rose North

Linda Rose Carter

Wesley Rose Kipp

Doug Rivers

Judy Revis

Ivan Siebby

Orval Messer

Sara H. Kohn

Betty Sandlin

Jean Southit

Marian Hartman

James Gallagher

Emma Sutton

Jack Casbolt

Jim Gribble

Roy Burnett

## Minutes for August 15, 2019

Secretary Report: Approved as read  
Treasurer Report: Bank balance of \$ 9,472.68 on 7.31.19  
CD # 1 Balance of \$9,149.32  
CD # 2 Balance of \$5,009.86

Business:

### Grounds Report

- Grounds mowed and trimmed multiple times in the last month.
- Flowers are blooming and very pretty. Please drive by.

### News

- Don Casada will be submitting grant request to the Western NC Foundation. He has a quote from Justin Ledford to remove the wall and grade the bank at the Stearns plot.
- Andrew Monnat (Anthony and Lisa's son) has expressed interest in working at the cemetery. Don Casada will follow up. Expected "salary" is \$10 per hour.
- Lisa Monnat is getting information for Mountain Discovery Charter School to provide volunteer hours at the cemetery.

### Members

- Doug Revis had surgery in Asheville for perforated ulcer and is on ventilator. He is also receiving kidney dialysis. UPDATE: Doug passed away on August 18. Judy and the family have chosen Friends for charitable contributions in Doug's memory.

### Program

- I. Health Care Professionals - - -

Don Casada discussed Dr Cooper (Joyce Cooper's great grandfather), Dr. James DeHart, Dr. A.M. Bennett, Susie Lee (midwife) and Dr. Dan Bryson

- II. Map and land-based history of Bryson City and Swain County; this is the first of a series of short segments which will be covered in more detail in a document which will be posted on the FBCC web site.

Attendees:

Don Casada Susan Casada Lisa Monnat Doris Casebolt Jack Casebolt  
Bud Cantrell Betty Sandlin Jim Gribble

The next meetings will be September 19 and October 17.

## Minutes for September 19, 2019

Secretary Report: Approved as read  
Treasurer Report: Bank balance of \$ 9,046.45 on 8.31.19  
CD # 1 Balance of \$9,183.57  
CD # 2 Balance of \$5,019.74

Business:

### Grounds Report

- Mowing has slowed down in the heat of summer, but our flowers are struggling with the drought.

### News

- Don Casada had Jim Howe place gravel on the driveway as it was showing signs of washing. The cost for gravel and grading was \$476.20 and will be much better.
- Brevard Brown was not selected this year for the Sports Hall of Fame

### Members

- Doug Revis passed away on August 18. Judy and the family have chosen Friends for charitable contributions in Doug's memory. We have received multiple contributions in Doug's memory.

### Program

- Photographers and photographs of the Smokies (including Kelly Bennett)

Jim Casada was guest speaker presenting his "world premier" of *Early Photographers of GSMNP*. Those mentioned were George Masa, Dr. Kelly Bennett, Jim Thompson, and Dutch Roth. Don Casada had choreographed a musical and slide presentation featuring Dolly Parton's "These are my Mountains" and Mel Street's "Smoky Mountain Memories". Jim and Don presented this historical documentary at the Friends of the GSMNP Annual Event in Gatlinburg on September 20, 2019.

### Attendees:

Don Casada	Susan Casada	Jim Casada	Robert McNutt	Dan Welch
Bob Thomas	Christine Proctor	Jack Casebolt	Cliff Kevill	Bill Dingle
Bud Cantrell	Alatha Cantrell	Gwen Breese		

There was no meeting in October, 2019

## Minutes for November 21, 2019

Secretary Report: Approved as read

Treasurer Report: Bank balance of \$ 9,460.45 on 9.30.19

Bank balance of \$ 9,530.25 on 10.31.19

CD # 1 Balance of \$9,217.40, Matured on 11.18.19--- New 13 month CD @ 1.5% APY

CD # 2 Balance of \$5,039.24

### Grounds Report

- Leaves continue to fall. Don has worked on the leaves to mulch and place on the banks around the cemetery. Thanks to Anthony and Andrew Monnat for their help.
- Pansies have been planted in a few locations. Plans for next summer's flowers will include more drought resistant varieties.

### News

- Don Casada had Jim Howe place gravel on the driveway as it was showing signs of washing. The cost for gravel and grading was \$476.20 and will be much better. This is the only check that was written in the September and October.
- Marie Alemany, wife of Pastor Al Alemany of Hillside Baptist Church, passed away on November 13, 2019. She was buried in the family plot on November 19. Those attending the meeting shared sweet memories of her life.
- This meeting was our annual meeting and Don Casada agreed to serve as President, but only if we hire an outside auditor to review the financial books periodically. Susan Casada will continue as Secretary – Treasury. Bob Thomas rotated off as Board Member. New Board Member is Dan Welch.
- Decision was made to try quarterly meetings for a year on trial basis. The meetings will be the first month of the quarter (January 16, April 16, July 16 and October 15.) Emergency meetings can be called if needed.

### Members

- Thanks to Judy Revis for choosing the Friends of BC Cemetery as the charitable organization in memory of her husband, Doug.

### Program

- A few TVA photos which Don recently acquired at the Atlanta National Archives were shown (see link below). At some point, he hopes to arrange these and many others into a collection with accompanying discussion of the families. Below is a sampling of photos related to the S.R. Patterson, Welch, Enloe and Cunningham families, all of whom have folks buried in the BC Cemetery. There's precious little discussion accompanying them, but maybe you'll enjoy seeing the photos. All were taken between 1938 and 1944, and all were on lands affected by the Fontana project. Several, including the Enloe, Cunningham and two of the Welch homes are now over 100 feet underwater. He also included a couple of the Fred Lollis place on Canebrake Branch. Fred's story is a poignant one which Don wrote about a few years back for his friend, Tipper Pressley, who has a wonderful blog on Appalachian culture called Blind Pig & the Acorn. Below are links to the slides from this past Thursday followed by the piece Don wrote about Fred:

[http://friendsofthebccemetery.org/files/articles/TVA\\_photos01.pdf](http://friendsofthebccemetery.org/files/articles/TVA_photos01.pdf)

<https://blindpigandtheacorn.com/the-fred-lollis-story/>

### Attendees

Ivan Gibby

Betty Sandlin

Judy Revis

Margaret Ashe

Dan Welch

Bob Thomas

Jack Casebolt

Christine Proctor

Gwen Breese

Don Casada

Susan Casada

There was no meeting in December, 2019