

ATOKA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

May 13, 2017

The Atoka Cemetery Association met Saturday May 13, 2017 at the Novice United Methodist Church. President Larry Garvin opened the meeting. The Minutes and Financial Report were read and approved. Bill Shields gave the invocation and salute to the flag.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cemetery grounds: Clay Richards and Colt have sprayed the grounds with pre-emergence for grass burrs with another application to be done. Two cedar trees that were covering graves have been removed. The rotting tables and benches have been removed from the arbor. Field dirt - Larry stated the man he was in contact with to deliver field dirt has not been able to follow through. Jake Popnoe has some sand he will donate free of charge. Larry will look into this with Jake. The old trash pit east of the cemetery has been burned

NEW BUSINESS.

The floor was opened for nomination and election of officers for 2016-17. Nomination made by Billie Cox to elect Larry Garvin as President and Sue Shields as the Secretary/Treasurer; Leona Popnoe seconded the motion. Motion seconded and carried and approved by acclamation. Larry will also have rights to sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer when needed.

There was discussion on getting concrete benches for the arbor so that people will have a place to sit when visiting the cemetery. Rough Creek has installed some memorial benches with plaques that would be appropriate for Atoka. We need to know how much these would cost and how many are needed. Sue will check with members of Rough Creek Cemetery to see when they got their benches.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Burial at Atoka since last meeting: Ralph Raymon (Pete) Ray, Jr. - DOB 8/24/55; DOD 6/14/16; also, it was noted by the Secretary that she got a call from the family of Patricia Williams (from Odessa) that she passed away May 6, 2017 and they want to place a headstone in the future at Atoka.

Recognition of oldest person present: Leona Popnoe

Recognition of person who traveled the longest distance: Doyleene Hopson and Lana Davidson from Gatesville, Tx. Report of attendance: 14

It was decided to have the annual meetings the first weekend of May each year due to other events in May such as graduation, Mother's Day and Memorial Weekend.

Benediction was given and meeting adjourned.

Sue Shields, Recording Secretary