

FRIENDS OF THE OFFICE OF STATE ARCHAEOLOGY, INC.
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2002

PRESENT: Board Members Ken and Bonnie Beatrice, June Cooke, Bruce Greene, Dreda Hendsey, Mae Johnson, Chris Noble, Gary Nolf, and Mike Raber. Also present Nick Bellantoni, State Archaeologist, and several FOSA members.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Mike Raber, President.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mike Raber gave a brief history of FOSA and emphasized our main focus this year was to get a budget for Nick's office. OSA has received \$15,000 in funding through UConn for the second year in a row. FOSA and other supporters of the OSA tried to gain further funding through Bill 566, but it failed. Now we are working on a direct approach for funding with building permit fees through the Legislature.

Another area of focus has been with the Glastonbury school children, who worked in the field this year at Academy School and last year on the Morgan Site in Wethersfield. Archaeology is a part of their curriculum in the Social Studies Department.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ken Beatrice gave a summary report on volunteer productivity for the OSA for 2001. We visited thirteen sites throughout the state. We had three Prehistoric and ten Historic sites with 1,067 man hours expended. At the Office conducting laboratory work, cataloging artifacts, keeping and organizing the library, 838 man hours were incurred. The total for the year 2001 is 1,905 man hours. Not all of the man hours are from FOSA members. Many times, members of historical, conservation or school groups of the town where the site is located gave a hand. Over the past many years, the Arthur Basto Archaeological Society always gave their support for Nick's field work and has always been recognized and appreciated.

STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST'S REPORT

Nick reported that through the efforts of FOSA, the OSA gained an annual operating budget of \$15,000 for the past two years. The OSA also received more student help and is seeking federal grants to get the collections on a computer database. David Poirier, from the Connecticut Historical Commission, had \$2900 left over from a Freedom Trail Foundation grant, which he turned over to the OSA for purchase of African-American archaeology library and bibliographic software. Those purchases have been completed through the UCONN Co-op.

TREASURER'S REPORT, by Dreda Hendsey

FOSA 2001 Annual Report

Beginning balance 1/1/01	\$4,487.34
Income	\$5,701.00
Expenses	\$4,575.90
Ending balance 1/31/01	\$5,612.44

Income Details:

Town of East Hartford - Rebate	\$ 140.00
Memberships & Donations	\$2,661.00
Grant for Books	\$2,900.00.

Expenses Details:

Office Expense – FOSA Secretary	\$ 300.00
US Postmaster	\$ 95.00
CT Secretary of State	\$ 25.00
CT League History Membership	\$ 35.00
Photocopy Care	\$ 166.69
Service Charges	\$ 84.50
2001 Annual Meeting	\$ 120.78
UConn Co-op – Books	\$2,504.44
UConn – Parking	\$ 187.50
K. Beatrice – reimburse auger	\$ 200.03
K. Beatrice – reimburse cell phone	\$ 160.38
Town of East Hartford deposit	\$ 150.00
D. Starbuck – Books	\$ 53.58
The Hartford – Insurance	\$ 393.00
Quinnipiac – Donation	\$ 100.00

SECRETARY'S REPORT, by Mae Johnson

The Petty Cash account began with a deficit as of the last board meeting on 1/6/02 of \$-33.20. Received \$200.00 check from Dreda on 1/17/02. Expenses since 1/6 were office supplies \$41.05, copies \$60.10, postage \$34.00. Total expenses were \$133.15, leaving \$31.65 balance remaining.

Three copies of FOSA By-Laws as well as Policies and Procedures were made to give to new board members at today's meeting.

All FOSA files are being transferred today to new FOSA Secretary.

Bonnie Beatrice announced that the Society of Ethnobiology will be holding its 25th annual conference, entitled "Art and Soul: Celebrating Native Artisans," at UConn from March 6-9, 2002. Volunteers are needed to work several of the booths including conference registration, T-shirt sales, banquet tickets sales, field trip tickets sales, along with the sign-up booth for guided museum tours at Mashantucket and herbarium and greenhouse tours on campus. Drivers are also needed to pick up attendees at the airport. Contact Luci Fernandes at 860-423-9433 or email Luci.Fernandes@Uconn.edu if you want to volunteer.

NOMINATIONS for the Board of Directors: Roger Thompson - 2 years, Paul Scannell - 1 year, James Trocchi - 1 year, Dreda Hendsey - 1 year, Mike Raber - President 2 years, Ken Beatrice - Vice President 2 years, Bonnie Beatrice - Secretary 2 years, June Cooke - Treasurer 2 years, Chris Noble - 1 year, Gary - 1 year.

MOTION by Chris Noble, seconded by Gary Nolf, and carried unanimously to accept the slate of the Board of Directors.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE: February 24, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

Mae P. Johnson
Outgoing Secretary