

FRIENDS OF THE OFFICE OF STATE ARCHAEOLOGY, INC.
MINUTES OF THE 6TH ANNUAL MEETING

February 1, 2003
Glastonbury High School Auditorium

PRESENT: Board Members - Mike Raber-President, Kenneth Beatrice-Vice President, June Cooke-Treasurer, Bonnie Beatrice-Secretary, Gary Nolf, Paul Scannell, Christopher Nobel, Roger Thompson, James Trocchi. Also present, FOSA and ASC members, State Archaeologist Nick Bellantoni, Guest speaker Archaeologist Eric Deetz and general public.

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

Mike welcomed members of FOSA, ASC (Archaeological Society of Connecticut) and attending public. Also, thanked the Glastonbury school for its support and the use of the building.

Mention was made that tee shirts, tie tacks and pendants were available for purchase at FOSA's table, along with membership information. Also, at the table, photo albums of 2002's archaeological projects. 'Thanks' made to John Spaulding for the photographic work as well as for the Power Point slide presentation being shown at the time of this meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

By Mike Raber

A brief summary of FOSA's 2002's efforts to obtain funding for the Office of State Archaeology.

1. \$15,000 for 3rd year from UCONN's chancellor, based on help from Rep. Larry Cafero.
2. FOSA's committee working on drafting legislation for obtaining funds for OSA through permit fees.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

By Ken Beatrice

A brief summery and description of the 767 volunteer office hours and 3206 volunteer field hours, total 3,973. List on file.

STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST'S REPORT:

By Nick Bellantoni

Introduction of Connecticut's State Archaeologist Nicholas Bellantoni, by Mike Raber.

1. Due to Connecticut's budget cuts, there have been, to date, 120 layoffs at UCONN.
2. \$15,000 support from UCONN.
3. Thanked FOSA members for their volunteer field and office work.
4. 8 Students are presently working in the office.
5. An archaeology wing is still a line item for the 21st Century Bonding Program
 - a. Funding planned to be available in 2005
 - b. Possible start of the archaeology wing in 2007
6. OSA has a new computer data base for the Anthropological collections

TREASURER'S REPORT:

By June Cooke

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SECRETARY'S REPORT:

By Bonnie Beatrice

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ELECTIONS:

Dreda Hendsy, Paul Scannell, and Jim Trocchi up for reelection onto the Board of Directors. Mike Raber opened the floor for nominations. No new nominations. Mike nominated above three mentioned, Roger Thompson seconded, and carried unanimously.

No date set for next Board meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER:

By Mike Raber.

Presentation co-sponsored by FOSA and ASC.

Eric Deetz Staff - Archaeologist for the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

1:45pm Eric Deetz gave a presentation on the "James Fort 1607: The Archaeology of the Early English Colonial Fort", Virginia.

Followed by an informal question and answer period.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie J.M. Beatrice

Secretary

Friends of the Office of State Archaeology

Secretary Report

January 31, 2003

Secretary Petty Cash:

Starting Balance: January 1, 2002	\$ 100.00
Postage (2002)	- 39.22
Office Supplies (2002)	- <u>3.53</u>
Balance: December 31, 2002	\$ 57.25
Postage (2003)	- 22.20
Office Supplies (2003)	- <u>2.95</u>
Ending Balance: January 31, 2003	\$ 32.10__

New Members:

27 New Members for 2002
6 New Members for 2003

Since our last meeting, December 8, 2002 we have had 33 renewals 7 included donations plus 2 separate donations. Thank you letters and membership cards sent following notice of renewal and or donations.

Total membership: 107

Newsletters:

Two newsletters (Spring and Fall) were mailed to our membership.

FOSA Activities and Volunteer Participation:

767 Office/Cataloging hours
3,206 Field hours
3,973 Total volunteer hours

An active committee of 6 members (Chris Noble, Gary Nolf, Ken Beatrice, Paul Scannell, Dreda Hendsey and Roger Thompson), researching and pursuing funding for

OSA through Permit Fees.

March 6-9 ~ Funding support and member participation ~ Ethnobiology conference, UCONN

FOSA/archaeology awareness information booths were set up at the following:

June 1, Norwich, Mohegan Park, BioBlitz

June 8, Manchester, Heritage Day celebration

August 18, Storrs CT State Museum of Natural History, UCONN, for the opening of the Office of State Archaeology's Exhibit

August 11 ~ UCONN's Museum of Natural History's annual fund raiser dig, held at the site of the Butler & Sudgen shear factory, Rocky Hill.

October 6 ~ FOSA's first annual Membership appreciation picnic, held at Gillette Castle State Park, East Haddam.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie J.M. Beatrice
Secretary