

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

January 24, 2004

Glastonbury High School Auditorium

PRESENT:

Board Members ~

Mike Raber-exiting President/incoming-Vice President, Kenneth Beatrice exiting-Vice President, Roger Thompson incoming President, June Cooke retiring-Treasurer, Dreda Hendsey incoming Treasurer, Bonnie Beatrice-Secretary, Gary Nolf, Paul Scannell, James Trocchi and Cynthia Redman .

Also present ~

State Archaeologist Nick Bellantoni, FOSA members, Guest speaker Dr. Douglas Charles and general public.

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

Mike welcomed members of FOSA, ASC members and attending public. Also, thanked the Glastonbury school for it's support and the use of the building.

Mention was made that tee shirts and tie tacks were available for purchase at FOSA's table, along with membership information. Also, available for viewing, photo albums of 2002 & 2003's archaeological projects. 'Thanks' made to John Spaulding for his photographic work as well as for the Power Point slide presentation being shown prior to and following this meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

By Mike Raber

Brief summery of FOSA's support for OSA.

1. Approximately \$1,700 for new computer for electronic site file conversion project.
2. \$225 for parking passes for volunteers' use at OSA office.
4. Dr. Nick Bellantoni's cell phone service.
5. Liability insurance for FOSA members and non-members while working with OSA.

Summery of field and office volunteer hours.

2,747 hours - volunteer field work, (break down of hours on file).

1,384 hours - volunteer lab/office work. (monthly log on file at OSA)

4131 combined hours on 14 field projects and lab/office work.

Summary of FOSA's 2003's efforts to obtain funding for the Office of State Archaeology:

1. \$15,000 pledged for 4th 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. Also, working out the logistics of channeling the funds to OSA once obtained.

3. Working with Connecticut State Museum of Natural History's Board of Directors in conjunction with the State's new Archaeology Center's needs and budget requirements.

EDUCATIONAL PROJECT REPORT:

By Gary Nolf

FOSA's increased focus and efforts to enhance archaeology awareness and education. Gary Nolf and Ken Beatrice are in the process of making castings of Native American artifacts to be used to create displays. These displays will be available to schools, organizations, etc., for educational purposes.

STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST'S REPORT:

By Nick Bellantoni and Leanne Harty

Introduction of Connecticut's State Archaeologist Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni and Museum Director Leanne Harty , by Mike Raber.

Announcement of Connecticut's new Archaeology Center.
(copy of press release on file.)

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION:

Presented by Mike Raber,
to Leanne Kennedy Harty for her successful efforts of developing and pursue the idea of Connecticut's Archaeology Center
(Copy of Certificate wording on file.)

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

By Bonnie Beatrice
Copy of report on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

By June Cooke
Copy of report on file.

Secretary's and Treasurer's reports accepted

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION:

Presented by Mike Raber,
to retiring Board member, Treasurer and FOSA founder June Cooke for her years of dedicated service.

Along with the certificate, June and Dave Cooke were presented with life time FOSA memberships.

Both June and Dave plan to remain active members in FOSA's projects and activities.

ELECTIONS:

Roger Thompson ~ President, Mike Raber ~ Vice-President, Dreda Hendsey ~ Treasurer, Bonnie Beatrice ~ Corresponding Secretary and Ken Beatrice, up for reelection onto the Board of Directors. Cynthia Redman and George Kinsella up for election as new Board members.

Mike Raber opened the floor for further nominations, none made.

Gary Nolf moved that the above nominations be accepted, Bonnie Beatrice seconded, Vote carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRESIDENT:

By Mike Raber,

Introduced Roger Thompson, along with a few words about Roger's background and qualifications.

Exiting Vice President Ken Beatrice gave short thank you to Mike Raber for the years he served as president.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER:

By Mike Raber,

Dr. Douglas Charles, Professor of Archaeology, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

2:00pm Dr. Douglas Charles gave a slide lecture entitled "Mysteries of the Mounds: Symbolic Representations of Hopewell as Unearthed in West Central Illinois". Followed by an informal question and answer period.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie J.M. Beatrice
Secretary

**Friends of the Office of State Archaeology
Secretary Report Summary for 2003**

January 24, 2004

Secretary Petty Cash:

Starting Balance: January 1, 2003 \$ 57.25

Check from Treasurer	+100.00
Postage (2003)	- 52.93
Brochures	- 13.86
Office Supplies (2003)	- <u>2.95</u>

Balance: December 31, 2003 \$ 87.51

Postage (2004)	- 15.40
Office Supplies (2004)	- <u>6.86</u>

Ending Balance: January 24, 2004 \$ 65.25 _

New Members:

20 New Members for 2003

7 New Members for 2004
(1 included donation)

Since our last meeting, December 14, 2003, we have received 36 renewals, 2 of which included donations. We have also received 2 separate donations. Membership cards and/or Thank You letters sent following notice of renewal and/or donations.

Newsletters:

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

Events and Volunteer Participation:

Along with ongoing field work and office/lab work FOSA volunteers have participated in

the following:

>General Funding for OSA:

An active committee of 6 members (Mike Raber, Roger Thompson, Ken Beatrice, Gary Nolf, Paul Scannell and Dreda Hendsey), are researching and pursuing possible funding through Permit Fees.

>FOSA "archaeology awareness" information booths:

April 26, 2003 ~ South Windsor, Connecticut Gravestone Network Symposium

June 7, 2003 ~ New London, Bates Woods Park, BioBlitz

>Fund raiser dig:

June 28, 2003 ~ UCONN's Museum of Natural History's annual dig, held at the Pitkin Glass site, Manchester

>Educational digs:

With students from Westbrook, Coventry and Glastonbury schools.

>Field and research work:

On the shipwreck remains of the Aunt Polly, Hadlyme, CT.

Research and searching for Cemetery associated with Old New Gate Prison, East Granby.

>Picnic:

October 5, 2003 ~ FOSA's second annual Membership appreciation picnic, held at Wickham Park, Manchester.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie J.M. Beatrice
Secretary