

FRIENDS OF THE OFFICE OF STATE ARCHAEOLOGY, INC.
MINUTES OF THE 8TH ANNUAL MEETING

January 29, 2005
Smith Middle School Auditorium
Glastonbury, CT

PRESENT:

Board Members: Roger Thompson-President, Mike Raber-Vice President, Bonnie Beatrice-Secretary, Dreda Hendsey-Treasurer, Kenneth Beatrice, Gary Nolf, George Kinsella, Cynthia Redman, Paul Scannell, James Trocchi

Also present: State Archaeologist Nick Bellantoni, FOSA members, Connecticut Archaeology Center members, Guest speaker Dr. Douglas Owsley and general public.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Roger Thompson.

Roger welcomed members of FOSA, CT Archaeology Center and attending public. Also, thanked the Smith Middle School for its support and the use of the facilities.

Mention was made that membership information is located at FOSA's table, along with tee shirts and tie tacks for purchase. Also, available for viewing, photo albums showing various OSA field projects. 'Thanks' made to John Spaulding for his photographic work.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

By Roger Thompson
Summary of FOSA's support for OSA.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

By Bonnie Beatrice
Copy of report on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

By Dreda Hendsey
Copy of report on file.

STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST'S REPORT:

By Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni
Connecticut Archaeology Center's Expansion Project.
Financial support from private donations, the University, and UCONN's Administration. Renovations and construction is slated to begin March or April of this year.

YEAR IN REVIEW:

By John Spaulding - FOSA photographer
Narrated slide presentation of archaeology field projects that OSA and FOSA volunteers have been involved with throughout 2004.

VOLUNTEER REPORT:

By Ken Beatrice

Field work ~ 2130 hours

Office work ~ 540 recorded hours

Spoke of the continuing need for volunteers in the field and in the office.

“No experience necessary”.

AWARDS:

Presented by Mike Raber,

To Dave Cooke as one of FOSA founders and his continuing years of dedicated service.

To John Spaulding for his numerous hours of field and photographic work.

ELECTIONS:

Slate of nominees for 2-year term;

Dreda Hendsey, Gary Nolf, Cynthia Redman, Paul Scannell and Jim Trocchi

Roger Thompson opened the floor for further nominations, none made.

Ken Beatrice moved that the above nominations be accepted, Paul Scannell seconded,

Vote carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER:

By Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni,

Dr. Douglas Owsley, Forensic Anthropologist and Curator for the Division of Physical Anthropology, National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian Institution.

2:00pm Dr. Douglas Owsley gave a slide presentation and lecture entitled “The Forensics of Identifying the Confederate Sailors of the CSS Hunley”.

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 2004**

January 29, 2005

Secretary Petty Cash:

Starting Balance: January 1, 2004 \$ 87.51

Checks from Treasurer	+200.00
Postage (2004)	- 68.63
Brochures	- 24.38
Misc. Display items	- 21.15
Office Supplies (2004)	<u>- 51.50</u>

Balance: December 31, 2004 \$ 121.85

Postage (2005) - 37.00

Ending Balance: January 24, 2004 \$ 84.85 _

Membership:

18 New Members for 2004
98 Total Members for 2004
7 New Members for 2005
28 Renewals for 2005

Total Current Members ~ 120

Newsletters:

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

Connecticut Preservation Association (CPA):

FOSA has decided to work with the CPA to have a more effective voice in the legislature. The decision was made to join on a trial basis to determine how effective that approach may prove to be.

Gary Nolf, with Ken Beatrice as alternate, will represent FOSA on the newly created CPA Legislation Board

Funding for OSA:

Plans are progressing for permanent funding for OSA

Events and Volunteer Participation:

Along with ongoing field work and office/lab work, FOSA volunteers have participated in the following:

>FOSA "Archaeology Awareness" information booths:

April 3-4 ~ Hartford, CT Expo. Center, CPTV Science Exposition

April 17, 2004 ~ South Windsor, Connecticut Gravestone Network Symposium

October 17, 2004 ~ Storrs, UCONN Campus, 1st Annual Archaeology Exposition

>Mason's Island site:

This past summer (2004) a Native American burial site was discovered on a plot of land being excavated for the foundation of a new home.

As required, the burial was reported to Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni. The project was then turned over to the Mashantucket Pequot Research Center.

This will be a long term task, for which FOSA volunteers will be assisting the Center.

>Fund raiser dig:

UCONN's Museum of Natural History's annual digs,

held at the Asher Wright House in Coventry

Cove River Site in West Haven

>Educational digs:

2 digs at the Pitkin Glass Works with Manchester students

1 dig at the Morgan Site with Glastonbury students

>Field and research work:

Successful research and field work resulting in the location of the Revolutionary War era Cemetery associated with Old New Gate Prison, East Granby.

>Lectures and Demonstrations:

The following are a few of the lectures given by FOSA volunteers:

Two "On Site" talks about William Gillette's house boat "Aunt Polly" by Ken Beatrice

Atlatl Demonstration given to the Nipmuc tribe by Gary Nolf

The search for Old New gate Prison Cemetery given by Paul Scannell

Up coming lecture on Antique Bottle Identification by Jack Rajotte

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie J.M. Beatrice