

Minutes of FOSA Twelfth Annual Meeting
January 24, 2009
Smith Middle School Auditorium
216 Addison Road, Glastonbury, CT

Present: Board Members: Cynthia Redman (Pres.), Jim Trocchi (Vice Pres), Dreda Hendsey (Treasurer), Paul Scannell (Secretary), Jim Hall, Bonnie & Ken Beatrice, Robert Martinchek, Gary Nolf, Mike Raber, Nick Bellantoni

- I President Cynthia Redman called the meeting to order at 1:00PM.
- II Approval of Secretary report, summary for 2008 submitted by Paul Scannell. Minutes Approved by Ken Beatrice, seconded by Bonnie Beatrice, motion carried.
- III Treasurers report for 2008 submitted by Dreda Hendsey:
Balance in regular checking as of 12-31-2008 \$4683.37
Balance in C-14 account: \$2092.80
Motion to accept Treasurers report made by Paul Scannell, seconded by Ken Beatrice, Motion carried.
- IV Election of Officers: Presented by Mike Raber.
Board members re-elected as Directors: Dreda Hendsey, Gary Nolf, Cynthia Redman, Paul Scannell, Jim Trocchi.
Jim Hall also elected as a Director to replace Frank Pearson.
Motion to approve recommendations of nominating committee made by Bob Martinchek, seconded by Jim Trocchi, motion carried.
- V Achievement Award presented by Jim Trocchi:
Certificate of Appreciation given to FOSA member Dick Larose. Dick has made significant contributions in the area of fieldwork excavations, worked closely with Dave Cooke and developed considerable knowledge in pre-historic excavations and evaluations. He participated in site work at Bradley Airport, Newgate Prison, Rogers site, Bulkeley Crypt, exhumation of the remains of Obukahaia (to name but a few). Dick as been an amateur archeologist for most of his adult life.
- VI Business adjourned at 1:25PM. Motion made by Ken Beatrice, seconded by Bonnie Beatrice, motion carried.
- VII Special Tribute to Dave Cooke given by Nick Bellantoni
A special tribute to Dave Cooke, recently deceased on 12/29/2008 was presented by Nick Bellantoni. The tribute also included photographs of Dave by John Spaulding. Nick described how Dave was instrumental in the creation of the Office of State Archaeologist in the late 1980's. He was a self-taught amateur archaeologist who spent most of his adult life in the pursuit of archaeological work and preservation. He was one of the "Founding Fathers" of FOSA and earned considerable respect from the archaeological community.
- VIII Feature Presentation
Introduction of Dr. James Adavasio's presentation entitles "Early Human Populations in the New World: A Biased Perspective" covered his excavation of the Meadowcraft Rock Shelter located 30 miles southwest of Pittsburgh, PA. He described the discovery of the Clovis point, dating back at least 11,500 radio carbon years ago. Since the discovery in Folsom, New Mexico in 1926 numerous other archaeological sites claim to be older than the Clovis culture, including Dr. Adavasio's discovery of the Meadowcraft shelter. Meadowcraft is recognized as the Earliest well-dated archaeological site in the Western hemisphere with evidence of human habitation dating back to 16,000 years ago.
Presentation was well received with many questions from the audience.
Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul M. Scannell, Secretary