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MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2003 ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Room 203, KSU Union
Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas
February 21, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 PM by President Donald Blakeslee. Present were President Donald Blakeslee, Secretary Donna Roper, Acting Treasurer Mary Adair, Board Members Marsha King and Tim Weston, and 20 other members and guests. A quorum was present. In calling the meeting to order, President Blakeslee noted that we had a full agenda and asked for concise discussion.

Officer's Reports

The first item of business was the Secretary's report. Donna Roper first stated that the minutes of the last meeting had been published in the January newsletter and asked for additions, corrections, or discussion. There being none, Bob Hoard moved to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded. The minutes were accepted unanimously on a voice vote at 1:35 PM. Donna then mentioned PAK's new letterhead and showed it to the members. She then read a letter PAK had received from Henry Roeckers of Garnett. This letter describes his collection from two sites in the Garnett area and offers it to members of the profession for study. There was a brief discussion as to what had been done about this following its receipt. HC Smith is interested in working with it as part of her dissertation research on southeast Kansas.

The next item of business was the Treasurer's report. Mary Adair was still standing in for Bob Ziegler as Acting Treasurer. Mary noted that although Bob was not at the meeting, he had indicated that he was ready to take over the treasurer position. She said that they had discussed a proper time for transfer of treasury, noting that it had been awkward to this point, but that it would happen in the next week or so. She then passed out the Treasurer's report, itemized according to the general fund and the Kansas Archaeology Month fund, although all funds are kept in the same bank account. She then reviewed the written treasurer's report and discussed our non-profit status/tax-exempt status. She said she would also pass around the membership list so that members could clarify their addresses, etc. Randy Thies moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Tim Weston seconded it. It was passed unanimously on a voice vote at 1:52 PM.

Committee Reports

The first committee report was from the Education Committee. Committee chair Virginia Wulfkuhle reported that the committee did function and was gaining strength. Aimee Rosario and HC Smith, and Chris Garst are on the committee with her and they played a role in Kansas Archaeology Month. She indicated that they reviewed the flier and put it in final form. Aimee did the curriculum, which the committee also worked on to put in final form. Janice McLean then put the curriculum on the web site. She said they were planning a Kansas Archaeology Month exhibit for the historical society lobby. This exhibit will include PAK and volunteer opportunities. She also mentioned the SAA public archaeology newsletter and that our archaeology month is listed there.

Marsha King, chair of the Finance Committee said that the committee did not meet as a group, but that she had met with others about fundraising for Kansas Archaeology Month. At they time, they had talked about who to approach for funds. She also reported that she had drafted a fundraising letter.

For the Newsletter committee, Donna Roper reported that Newsletter No. 11 had been sent in January, and that *Current Archaeology in Kansas* No. 3 had also been sent in January. She raised the matter of selling extra copies of *CAK* and what we should charge for one. She discussed the per-copy cost. It was proposed that we charge \$5 for a single copy. Don Blakeslee asked for a motion to that effect. Brad Logan moved that we set the single-copy price at \$5. Randy Thies seconded the motion. It was unanimously accepted on a voice vote at 2:06 PM.

Action committee chair Mark Latham said that the committee hadn't met. We moved on to the subcommittees. Don Blakeslee, as chair of the Government subcommittee, brought up the A-76 review and proposed outsourcing of National Park Service. He first laid out the issue and stated his opinion that the intention was to remove protection of natural and cultural resources by removing the people who protect the resources. He indicated that the administration has picked the Midwest Archaeological Center (MWAC) in Lincoln and the Southeast Archaeological Center (SEAC) in Tallahassee, along with some parks. Don said he has talked to some people about the cost of this and thought that in the long run there would be not only less Federal archaeology, but also less contracting. He thought there won't be a benefit to the private concerns and that long term protection would be removed. He indicated that the Society for American Archaeology (SAA) had been contacted and asked to help, but that they had declined because they didn't want to be seen favoring government over the private sector. Don said he is putting together a list of journalists and prominent archaeologists to be spokespersons. He suggested that what needed to happen was to get Congress to reclassify employment categories and that they be asked to demonstrate no adverse effect on resources. He said he is doing this himself and not as PAK but that he would like help from PAK. He said that here's what was needed: information needs to be gotten together and he wondered about help from state archaeologists and from Native Americans. He said he has partial list of journalists but needs more and that he needs more prominent archaeologists especially from the Southeast and Far West. Randy Thies asked if this is token or if it goes as far as it sounds. Some government archaeologists in attendance said it is not token, but they also pointed out some factors against it —NAGPRA compliance, for example, is inherently governmental. Bob Hoard offered to help with some contacts. Others made additional suggestions

Also in the Action category, although not under any particular category, Mary Adair asked for a reaction to the KU museum situation, stating that there had been no action from last meeting.

Mary suggested that this should not be put aside because although its smaller than the A-76 review issue, it still affects archaeology. She suggested a committee or the Board should do this and make a statement about the importance of all this. Lauren Ritterbush suggested PAK write a letter to the effect that this has affected education, undermined archaeology, and limited curation. Mary noted that some perceptions are wrong and wanted a letter that reflects PAK's concern, Virginia Wulfkuhle asked if it is time for not individual letters, now, but institutional letters. Also noted was the impact on graduate training for this region. Mary moved that this be an item for the Action committee or for a new committee. Virginia Wulfkuhle seconded the motion. It passed unanimously on a voice vote at 2:46 PM.

Old Business

Kansas Archaeology Month 2003 was the next agenda item. Donna Roper noted that the entire effort for it had occurred since the fall meeting. Although some information had been printed in the newsletter and discussed on PAK-L and so forth, she reviewed what had been done to organize Kansas Archaeology Month 2003 and acknowledged all those who had helped with one or another tasks.

Bob Hoard next updated the membership on actions of the Kansas Antiquities Commission (KAC). The commission had met on both December 12, 2002 and February 21, 2003. He indicated that actually the statute is limited. Its jurisdiction is non-federal public lands (state, county, municipality). The commission gives out permits for work on lands in its jurisdiction, and has to have notice of things affecting those lands. He indicated that many things KAC used to discuss were outside the jurisdiction of the commission. He noted that now PAK has emerged and many issues are being passed on to it. He said that KAC was discussing old permits out. He also said that the next meeting would be announced and minutes made available.

Don Blakeslee called for the Nominations committee to report. The committee was Bob Blasing and Myra Giesen. This year, the only position open is President. Bob reported the committee's slate of nominees. Brad Logan and David Hughes have agreed to run. Don Blakeslee called for nominations from the floor. There being none, the nominations were declared closed. The election will be by mail ballot.

The meeting took a break at 3:01 PM and resumed at 3:15 PM.

Janice McLean updated members on the web site. She reminded us of the site's url. Jennifer Epperson had a computer online and hooked to a projector so she put the site up on the screen. Janice ran through what is on the web site and what is to come. She asked for material for the site and for any questions.

Mary Adair presented an update on KUMA, noting that there was a written version in the new issue of *CAK*. She also mentioned that the museum would be hosting a reception on April 3, from 7 to 9 PM. She said it would be an open house and also the early bird party for the FHC. She therefore extended an open invitation to people to attend.

New Business

A important item of new business was the presentation of the GIS system. Bob Hoard said they are trying to make it available to qualified people by application. Jennifer Epperson demonstrated some of its features with a laptop computer she had online.

Also discussed was the on-line site form. This was also demonstrated on-line. It was explained and shown that we can do new site forms or updates on-line by going to the KSHS page. A walk-through was given and Anita Frank presented additional information. There was considerable discussion and many questions, particularly regarding revisions. It was explained that parts are still under development. Questions also were raised regarding radiocarbon dates and a central collections database. Bob pointed out that Martin and Anita have put in huge amounts of time on all this.

Moving to a discussion of the preservation plan, Bob Hoard indicated that one had been done in 1987 and in 1989 Bill Lees had added historic archaeology to it. In 1996, a research guide was added by Brad Logan and others. So now the state has a 1500 or so page document. Bob solicited input on how we would like to see it in the future. He suggested it was time to start getting ideas and that people could address comments to Will. He thinks that fall would be good time since that's when funding is available so suggested commenting over the next few months. He said it is available on disc. Janice McLean suggested converting it to Word and *.pdf since it is now in WordPerfect and not everyone can use it. Don suggested discussing this on PAK-L.

Jeanette Blackmar introduced Allison Miller. Allison is a KU museum studies student. She has a survey and was wondering if we'd do it. She passed it around along with a letter of introduction.

Announcements

A call was issued for volunteers for shoreline survey at Perry Lake. This has already been on PAK-L. Several members asked why the Corps of Engineers, who has compliance responsibilities for Perry Lake, is asking for volunteers and is not paying for this. Mary Adair talked about contact she has had with people at Perry Lake. Randy Thies observed that this might be a bit late and said collectors have looted it pretty thoroughly.

The Flint Hills Conference is April 4-5. The call for papers is out. There will be a special symposium since this is the 25th Flint Hills Conference. The organizers want to keep it informal. They will be sending more information. Tim Weston said they had rounded up some people who were at the first meeting for the special session.

The Kansas Anthropological Association (KAA) annual meeting will be April 26 in Manhattan.

Virginia Wulfkuhle talked about the recently-released *The Kansas Anthropologist* for 2002. She said copies were available for \$12.

Bob Hoard announced that a new issue of *Kansas History* had just been released and that it has an archaeology article by Donna Roper.

It also was noted that the Legislature was proposing cutting the KSHS budget by 5%.

Mary Adair announced that the KU Anthropology Department is bringing Olga Soffer in as a guest speaker on March 28 or so. She said she would post this.

Mary Adair also issued a plea for manuscripts for *Plains Anthropologist*.

The Nebraska State Historical Society has published a booklet about archaeological records. It is written by Jeannette Blackmar. NSHS provided PAK with copies of this booklet free of charge. They were distributed with the 2002 *CAK* but we still have some left.

Donna asked for input for Kansas Archaeology Month. It has been suggested we might give, and publicize, a public service/media award and would like ideas as to who to give it to.

Don mentioned updating each other on research and how could be do we do this? By using *CAK*?

Randy Thies moved the meeting be adjourned. Myra Giesen seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 4:36PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C. Roper
PAK Secretary

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The PAK Board of Directors met in Manhattan the morning before the Annual Meeting on February 21, 2003. A draft of the agenda for the Annual Meeting had been prepared before the Board meeting and most of the discussion at the Board meeting centered around previewing the business to be brought to the membership in the afternoon. The Board did not discuss any matters not brought up or reported to the membership later in the day and the only real action taken that did not require general membership approval was to agree to reimburse the Secretary for office supplies (paper, laser printer toner, inkjet printer ink, discs, etc.) taken from her personal stock over the years and used for PAK business.

ELECTION RESULTS

As the meeting minutes indicate, Brad Logan and David Hughes were nominated for President. The election was conducted by mail ballot following the February meeting. Brad Logan was elected President. He began his term of office on July 1, 2003. His term expires on June 30, 2006. Thanks to David Hughes for also running. And also many thanks to Don Blakeslee for his service as President from July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2003.

2003 FALL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The 2003 fall meeting of Professional Archaeologists of Kansas will be held from 1:00-4:00 PM on Friday, September 26, 2003 in the Governor's Room of the KU Union, University of Kansas, Lawrence. The agenda will include Secretary's and Treasurer's reports, reports from the chairs of the standing committees (Action, Education, Finance, and Newsletter). Plans for Kansas Archaeology Month 2004 will be an important agenda item. Also known to be on the agenda at this time is a discussion of site number assignment, and the appointment of a nominations committee. Contact the President, Brad Logan (blogan@ksu.edu) or Secretary, Donna Roper (785-776-3772; droper@ksu.edu) to have business items placed on the agenda.

For those of you at universities: how about trying to get student attendance up!

PAK 2003 FALL MEETING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2003
1:00-4:00 PM, GOVERNOR'S ROOM KU UNION
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, LAWRENCE

NEW TREASURER

As noted in more detail below, PAK treasurer Bob Ziegler died on April 26, 2003. Mary Adair had continued as Acting Treasurer during Bob's illness, but with his passing confirmed her desire to turn the office over to a new treasurer. According to the By-Laws, a Board vacancy can be filled at the discretion of the remaining members of the Board. Myra Giesen was asked to and agreed to serve the remaining two years of Bob's term. Many thanks to Mary for her three years as Treasurer and additional year as Acting Treasurer. And our condolences to Bob's family.

CURRENT ARCHAEOLOGY IN KANSAS

Please be thinking about your contributions to the 2003 issue of *Current Archaeology in Kansas* (No. 4). It would be nice to have it done and out by the end of the year. It should be noted that in addition to its distribution to PAK members as part of their membership, we have run extra copies and offered them for sale to individuals outside the organization. Particularly this last year, we have sold a number of copies to KAA members or professionals elsewhere who are not PAK members. This means that *CAK* is being circulated and, one presumes, being read.

ACTION COMMITTEE

Mark A. Latham

This report is to clarify what subcommittees we have and if they are active. Well, there has not been a lot of activity. The Action Committee has not met, but I have contacted all four subcommittee chairs to see if any of their committees have met.

Subcommittee

Legislative
UBS
Community College Standards for Hiring Archaeologists
Curation

Chair

Don Blakeslee
Randy Thies
David Hughes
Mary Adair

From the correspondence I have received, it appears that two of the four subcommittees are no longer active and haven't been for some time (UBS and Community College Standards for Hiring Archaeologists). Of the remaining two subcommittees, Mary Adair reports some informal discussions on the curation issues and Don Blakeslee reports that he has acted alone on the legislative issue of outsourcing federal archeology jobs.

Based on the committees' inactivity we need to either decide to develop new ideas to pursue with the UBS and Community College Standards for Hiring Archaeologists subcommittees or discontinue them. If you are a member of a subcommittee I urge you to contact the chair and discuss how you can contribute. Please consider any valid issues we as the Professional Archaeologists of Kansas should be involved in and bring your ideas to the upcoming meeting.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MATTERS

Virginia Wulfkuhle

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The PAK Education Committee will meet at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 26, at the east entrance of the KU Student Union. Anyone is welcome to attend this working lunch where educational materials for this year's Kansas Archaeology Month will be discussed.

PROJECT ARCHAEOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

A number of PAK members probably received Eric J. Kaldahl's recent letter about participation in the national archaeological curriculum, Project Archaeology. Kaldahl, who is on staff at the Department of Anthropology and Geography at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, appealed to members of Nebraska Association of Professional Archaeologists (NAPA) for volunteers to write the Nebraska state supplement. The level of response, including several Kansas members of NAPA, was encouraging enough that Kaldahl is setting up a two-hour session, "Project Archaeology Development," at the Plains Conference in Fayetteville. He has invited Kansas to attend, with the possibility of collaborating on a regional approach to the supplement.

Please let me know if you are interested in participating and/or would like more information about Project Archaeology.

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APRIL 2004

KANSAS ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH 2004

Donna C. Roper

As most PAK members are aware, Kansas Archaeology Month 2003 did happen and bore a reasonably good resemblance to what it had been in previous years. We had a poster and flier, they were mailed to something like 4700 addresses, and more were given out in one place or another. Programs were presented. A number of members and some non-members jumped in to help with things and the work got done. Tod Bevitt and Jim Kresge designed the poster and did all the legwork to get it printed. Myra Giesen produced the flier, with some input from the Education Committee. Aimee Rosario worked on curriculum, also with some help from the Education Committee. Marsha King worked on fund-raising, drafting a fund-raising letter and helping put together a list of potential donors. Jennifer Epperson prepared the mailing list. KAA members assembled the mailing. Mary Adair tended to the treasury—we had more income and expenses in a couple months than the organization had had during its entire existence. PAK Webmaster Janice McLean got the curriculum and much other information on the website. And I mean it that we couldn't have done this without Virginia Wulfsuhle being ever willing to be the voice of experience—many wheels did not have to be reinvented. Myra and Mary also provided plenty of help with overall organization. If I have forgotten anyone on this list, my sincere apologies and just as much thanks as those named get.

We had a good donor response, all things considered. The list is on the poster and flier. Donations and proceeds from selling t-shirts totaled around \$3200 and expenses were just short of \$3000. Postage, including the cost of using the services of American Presort for bulk mailing, was a little over half of the cost, printing was most of the rest. We ended in the black, with a small amount of money to start with for Kansas Archaeology Month 2004.

Fund-raising, primarily through t-shirt sales, continued through the summer. Richard Gould has a small stock of our shirts at Pawnee Indian Village Museum and has sold well over a dozen of them in the last few months. Many of Lauren Ritterbush and Brad Logan's field class students bought them too. And the KAA members bought them in great numbers during the KATP in July. In fact, the KAA members alone accounted for right around \$400 in sales and occasional donations (the "I don't need change" sort of thing). Many thanks to Anita Frank for overseeing the stock in the KATP field lab and helping collect money—every day when I came in from the field she would hand me a wad of cash, and sometimes a list of how many and what sizes I needed to bring back the next day. With the money from all these t-shirt sales (there always are miscellaneous other sales too) added to what was left from 2003, plus a generous donation to KAM 2004 from the Midwest Archaeological Center already committed, we have a good start for KAM 2004.

We have begun planning and organizing for 2004. The theme will be Trails. I understand a poster committee has been self-appointed. The Education Committee members (Virginia Wulfsuhle, Chris Garst, Aimee (Rosario) Leithoff, HC Smith) have started to gear up—see their meeting announcement above. Marsha and the Finance Committee have been thinking a lot about fund-raising ideas—of which more anon. We now know how to do the mailing and so forth and will try to replicate it all next year without the learning curve. BUT—we would like to do more, so **read on**. We need some people to come forward to help with things, including simply suggesting ideas, to accomplish several things:

Publicity and events. It would be great to get a Governor's Proclamation this year. We didn't start soon enough last year, but now know how to do that with the Sebelius administration. But, as Virginia advised us, its most effective if we actually use the photos and all that in some ways besides just having a picture of some archaeologists with the Governor. What we need is some ways to get some more publicity out of this. Programs and events help—they'd be a good excuse for more publicity in a program venue. So planning programs and events is one thing everyone can help with. We've never been quite able to turn the corner to get a Lecture Series going, but I've started talking to places that might be interested in some programs. That's still a possibility. Some help with organizing that would be great. Also, we suggested last year maybe some sort of Public Service Award/Responsible Media Award—something like that. Again, suggestions, etc. would be helpful.

Fund-raising. It would be great to go back to a 4-color poster this year. Last year's b/w was effective because the photo was a b/w to begin with, but with trails we need color. It will substantially raise the printing cost, so the goal is to raise enough money to do that. The Finance Committee is taking the lead here, but input of several types would be appreciated. Identification of potential donors is one set of information that would help the committee. Another is to suggest means of raising funds we might use in addition to donations. The t-shirts are a terrific help. We've talked about other things (baseball caps, bandanas, clipboards, coffee mugs, can coolers, mouse pads, and probably a few other things I've forgotten have all been suggested) but there is the matter of gauging interest and then having a design or designs. As will be discussed below, we're planning a Used Book Sale for this fall. Any other ideas?

Other possibilities. Links to web pages and getting links to our page is something everyone can help with. The Education Committee plans to have a web-based curriculum and lesson plans, as they did last year, so the links would get this farther. Also, those in universities can help get students involved in PAK and outreach and so forth.

USED BOOK SALE

We are planning on having a used book sale at the Plains Conference to help raise money for Kansas Archaeology Month. Surely many of us have books that for one reason or another we are wanting to part with. So a donation to PAK simultaneously frees up needed book space and helps raise money for KAM. You can drop books off at KU Museum—the fall meeting would be a great time to bring them—or contact someone to get them if you can't make it then. Really, even if most members donated just a half-dozen or so books we'd have a couple hundred of them available and could conceivably make a tidy little sum of money. We know from experience that all this adds up. It would be swell if you could suggest a price and write it (in pencil) inside the front cover.

As long as we will have a table at the Plains Conference, we will also have t-shirts, back issues of CAK, membership information, and probably other stuff. So you know what's coming next: we'll need some volunteers to help staff the table at various times. Obviously we can't set up any schedule until the preliminary program is released and we all know when we are presenting papers and so forth. However, that's supposed to be available about mid-September. We can go from there.



Online Site Form

As of January 2003, state site forms can be submitted electronically and on-line. Information and the online form can be found at <http://www.kshs.org/resource/siteformhome.htm>

People

Necrology

Robert "Bob" Ziegler passed away at his home in Overland Park on April 26, 2003, at age 56. Bob, as most PAK members know, had degrees from KU and, since 1989, was an archaeologist with the Kansas City District of the Corps of Engineers. He had maintained his involvement in archaeology in other ways, including serving as an Adjunct Assistant Professor at Washburn University from 1999 to 2001, and as the Principal Investigator for the KATP in 1996 and 2000 when that program worked at Fort Ellsworth. He had been elected PAK Treasurer in the spring of 2002.

Jim Stauffer of McPherson passed away at his home on August 4, 2003 at age 64. Jim was one of the first people to sign up as a PAK subscribing member when that membership category was created. His extensive collections from Great Bend sites in McPherson County are currently undergoing analysis at Wichita State University.

Cleta Mulder of Salina died at her home on July 19, 2003. She was 71 years old. Cleta was not a PAK member, but certainly was known to and will be missed by many professional archaeologists in Kansas.

Births

Tod and Wendi Bevitt are the parents of a baby boy, Liam Connor Bevitt, born in Topeka on March 26, 2003. He weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 20-¹/₄ inches long.

Jack Hofman and Jeannette Blackmar also have a new son. Jacob Charles Russell Hofman was born on July 25, 2003. (I lost the message as to his birth statistics, but think he was something like 20-¹/₂ inches long and weighed 8 pounds and some ounces.)

Chris Garst is extremely proud to announce the birth of a grandson. Zachery Michael Garst was born May the 5th, 2003 at Kearney, Nebraska. His parents are Nathan and Lindsey Garst and he has a three-year-old sister, Kaitlynn.

Across the border in Missouri, James Wettstaed and Judith Harpole have a daughter, Josephine Emily Wettstead, born on May 22, 2003. She came in at 6 pounds 5 ounces, and 19-½ inches long.

Weddings

Aimee Rosario was married in Rapid City, South Dakota on July 5, 2003 and now is Aimee Leithoff. She is still with the Bureau of Reclamation's Nebraska-Kansas Area Office in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Personnel Changes

Chris Garst is now, in addition to her half-time position as the archaeology lab director at the KSHS, also a nearly half-time Fee Fund archaeologist at the same institution. She reports by e-mail that "I'm just finishing the write-up on a Phase III Archeological Investigation of the U. S. Highway 166, a series of 12 sites in Chautauqua and Cowley counties. Additionally I have just begun a Phase III report on 17 sites in the southeast corridor. So far I'm really enjoying it and have already learned a great deal. During this learning process it has struck me just how incredibly generous the other archeologists here at KSHS are with their time and knowledge."

Anne Bauer was recently hired by the Kansas State Historical Society as a Fee Fund archaeologist filling the position vacated by Tod Bevitt. Anne has a B.A. in historic preservation from Southeast Missouri State University and an M.A. in anthropology from the University of Nebraska. Her interests are in cultural resources management and historic archaeology.

Calendar of Events

September 26, 2003 – PAK Fall Meeting, 1:00-4:00 PM, Governor's Room, KU Union, University of Kansas, Lawrence

October 22-25, 2003 – 61st Plains Conference, Radisson Hotel, Fayetteville, Arkansas

November 21-22, 2003 – NAGPRA National Committee Review Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico

April 2004 — Kansas Archaeology Month

March 31–April 4, 2004 – 69th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Fall 2004 – 62nd Plains Conference, Billings, Montana

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