

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC (ASSC)**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**December 7, 2019  
SCDNR Parker Annex Archaeology Building  
2025 Barnwell Street  
Columbia, SC**

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the ASSC Executive Committee was held Saturday, December 7, 2019 at the SCDNR archaeology building. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by President Keith Stephenson. A quorum was present.

In attendance: Keith Stephenson– President; David Gordon - Vice-President; Rebecca Shepherd-Secretary; Ashley Stewart - Treasurer - Keely Lewis - Newsletter Editor; Members-at-Large: Bach Pham, Kelly Higgins, Jessica Cooper

**Officer Reports:**

**Secretary's Report-** (Rebecca)

Becca fell behind on completing the minutes. They will have to be approved during the following meeting.

**Treasurer's Report-** (Ashley)

**Starting Balance Checking Account 6201– 9/7/2019**

**\$8535.35**

**EXPENSES**

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|-------------------------|------------|
| Fall Field Day Expenses | -\$3932.83 |
| Other Expenses          | -\$229.69  |

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| <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>-\$4162.51</b> |
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**INCOME**

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| Deposits | +213.56 |
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| <b>Total Income</b> | <b>+\$213.56</b> |
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| <b>Ending Balance - 12/6/19</b> | <b>\$4586.40</b> |
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## **Other ASSC Accounts:**

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| PayPal Account -                                  | \$86.52     |
| Grant-In-Aid -                                    | \$5,440     |
| T-Rowe Price Mutual Fund Portfolio Value – 3/7/19 | \$28,359.58 |
| Cash box  | \$317       |

Archivist Report-  
No report.

Newsletter Editor – (Keely Lewis)

Keely plans that most of the newsletter will highlight Fall Field Day and also include details about the upcoming conference.

Journal Editor:  
No report.

Chapter Updates –

Hilton Head - David Gordon

They have been partnering with the both the Coastal Discovery Museum and Santa Elena Foundation and setting up a chapter booth during their events. Their annual What the Heck Is It event was held in October and it went well. Jon Leader and Eric Poplin were on hand to identify artifacts and there was a good crowd in attendance.

## **Projects/Committee Reports**

Conference:

Next year's conference will take place on the third Saturday of the month, February 15, 2020. The theme will be Avocational Archaeology. A potential keynote could be Jodi Barnes, who is familiar with the avocational training program in Arkansas, or a panel of professionals and avocationalists who could provide differing perspectives about doing archaeology and working together. Potential panel participants could be Jodi, Al Goodyear, Lamar Nelson, Tommy Charles. Keith will contact Jodi.

We need to talk to Savannah about getting the room in Gambrell reserved.

A call for papers needs to go out ASAP. As well as a call for nominations for the annual awards. A Facebook event should also be created.

We should tentatively stick with the same conference schedule as last year, from 9 to 5. Like last year, the keynote should speak before lunch, which worked really well.

David Jones has just retired from the Park Service, and Becca and Stacey have talked about holding an after conference event for his retirement.

#### Fall Field Day:

Took place on October 26, 2019 and will again be at the 12,000 Year History Park in Cayce. We spent around \$4,000 total on FFD this year, which is much higher than normal. We need to be better about making a budget and sticking to it and pursuing sponsorships to help fund the event. We could also consider bringing back the auction as a way to raise money for the event.

We had slightly less attendance than last year, but it was still well attended. Some thoughts of next year include trying to diversify some of our demonstrators so we aren't offering the only the same content every year, this seems to have cut attendance down. We should also just consider holding FFD during a football weekend. We usually try to avoid it, but so do other events in town. This year there were multiple other events happening on the same day, like the Chili Cook Off and the Korean Festival, which could have also cut down on attendance. October 24 could be a potential date.

A colleague of Chris Judge spoke to Becca during the event and suggested that next year we partner with a Powwow event that will be held for Native American Heritage Month, which typically occurs in November. As many of the same people would be interested in both of our events, it was suggested that we partner instead of competing with each other. Becca will contact Chris Judge to get more information and try to set up the connections to potentially make this happen. We may have to change the venue if we partner with the Powwow, since the 12,000 Year History Park is not a huge space.

#### Website:

No update

#### Social Media:

No update

#### Merchandise:

We should try to have a new koozie for the conference. Potential archaeologists to feature are Martha Zierden or David Jones. David has just retired, and would be good to feature. And we could put a funny David quote on the back. We should also go back down to a 50 count over a 100 count, since the Stan koozies have sold less than expected.

#### Grant-in-Aid Fund:

Ken Kelly has officially left the Anthropology Department, so we need to find another professor to be the representative. Ken and Mona Grunden would evaluate applications and choose the recipients and amount received. Eric Jones will be starting in the Department next August and could be a good candidate. Andy White could be another possibility.

We also need to contact Aaron and Brooke to see if they would like to still continue on the committee.

#### Membership:

A please renew your dues notice should be sent out to the membership soon.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business:**

#### **Elections:**

This year the following positions are up for reelections: vice-president, newsletter editor, and three board member at large positions (Bach's Jessica's, and Kelly's).

A ballot needs to go out before the end of December, preferably by next week.

#### **Next Meeting**

**Next Meeting: Saturday January 18th 10:00 AM at the DNR Archaeology building**

#### **2020 Meeting Schedule: (subject to change)**

**January 18**

**February 7 (tentative informal conference planning meeting)**

**March 7**

**May 16**

**July 11**

**September 19**

**November 7**

**Adjournment: 11:47 am**

#### **Votes:**