

Old North State Detectorists
Minutes
February 27, 2010

Our ONSD Secretary, Jeff Brown, was unable to stay and take minutes for the February 27th meeting. Therefore, the following are both minutes and comments from the acting president.

MINUTES AND COMMENTS

The Saturday, February 27, 2010 meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present:

Ken Kirk, Steve Kelton, Mac McAtee, Jerry Murphy, William Purkey, Dennis Sides, Jim Spivey, Bob Stewart, Ron Washburn, Randy Woolbright

Two guests were present:

Vickie Spivey and Jeffrey Blackburn. (Jeff joined ONSD at this meeting, welcome aboard, Jeff!)

Ron Washburn presented the Treasurer's Report. (I did not catch the figures, but we are in the black. Our 50/50 drawing enriched the treasury significantly.)

Jim and Vickie Spivey presented a first-aid kit for ONSD to take on future hunts. (Thanks, Jim & Vickie!) Dennis Sides presented ONSD with a banner to be posted at group hunts. (Thanks, Dennis!)

William Purkey reported on the "Golden Detector Award". Members are encouraged if they find identifiable items, to return them to their owners and be presented with this pin. A letter of appreciation from the thankful owner is requested for ONSD files.

Randy Woolbright agreed to serve as the ONSD Webmaster. Anything dealing with the computer world should be sent to Randy at randwool@hotmail.com.

Jim Spivey announced that the High Point Library now has an ONSD display case. (Thanks for making this display happen, Jim.) Ron Washburn presented an informative program on pin pointers.

Mac McAtee volunteered to bring several types of pin pointers to the March 27th meeting.

February 17th Group Hunt.

A most enjoyable group hunt followed the February 27 meeting. The nine members who participated searched areas around an old gas station and barn. The barn dates back to the 18th century. Many artifacts were dug, including a lot of old farm equipment. Many thanks to Will Ragsdale, property owner, and Carol Brooks, Jamestown News, for permission to hunt these sites. Carol has been a tremendous help in obtaining good hunting sites. We should consider making her an honorary member of the ONSD.

Future Meetings

ONSD has been given permission to hunt the site of a home in Jamestown built in 1719. This group hunt will take place immediately following our Saturday morning meeting, March 27th at 9:00 a.m. at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 4404 Landview Drive, Greensboro.

Special thanks to Tom Netsel for gaining permission from the owner to search this site. Tom also worked out an arrangement for ONSD to hunt the Mendenhall Plantation. We should consider making Tom an honorary member of ONSD.

ONSD has been invited to return to the Alamance Battleground Revolutionary War battlefield on Saturday, April 24, for a group hunt. The ONSD regular meeting will take place at the Alamance Battleground Welcome Center on that date at 9:00 a.m. In case of bad weather, the make-up day will be Saturday, May 1, 2010. Many thanks to Josh Howard, Research Historian, and John Mintz, Assistant State Archeologist, for inviting ONSD to participate in helping to enrich North Carolina's history.

Expression of Concern

Several ONSD members expressed concern that some members of ONSD were absent from the February 27th meeting and Jamestown hunt. It takes a great deal of time and energy to organize ONSD meetings and plan exciting group hunts. It is important that members attend regularly scheduled meetings and hunts. Please inform the ONSD Officers if you are unable to attend a meeting and/or hunt.

If it would be more convenient for you if ONSD staggered alternate meeting dates (Saturday mornings with Tuesday evenings) please let your officers know.