**Central Florida Anthropological Society (CFAS)**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**March 15, 2021**

At 7:00 pm, Dr. Deborah Bauer called the meeting to order. 19 people were in attendance on the virtual Zoom meeting. Bauer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

President’s Report:

Dr. Bauer reported that the Zoom monthly CFAS meetings are being recorded to enable future viewings of the lectures through the CFAS website.

She also reported that the monthly CFAS meetings will continue to be held virtually through the June meeting because the Winter Park Public Library, where CFAS meetings are held, is currently closed for renovation. The library will be completed when CFAS commences its meetings in September after the summer break, and CFAS is expected to have hybrid meetings both on Zoom and in the new library.

New Business:

Dr. Bauer announced that next month’s speaker (April 19) is still in work as the originally scheduled speaker is unable to attend. She also announced that the May speaker will be Dr. Robert Cassanello, University of Central Florida, who will speak on Indigent Voting Rights. The June speaker will be Ms. Shana Boyer, University of South Florida, who will speak about the Gamble Plantation Archaeology.

Dr. Bauer stated that the Fall lineup of speakers is in work and is expected to be solidified within the next month or so. She encouraged everyone to go to the CFAS website at <https://cfasorlando.com/> for more information about CFAS and its events.

After concluding the announcements, Dr. Bauer introduced the evening’s speaker, Mr. Sean Norman, Gulf Archaeology Research Institute, who spoke on *Seminole Wars Archaeology: The Battle of Wahoo Swamp*. Mr. Norman discussed the history of the Battle of Wahoo Swamp, including the strategies and tactics and movements used by the U.S. Army to fight the Seminole, and the Seminoles’ tactics to defend during the conflict based upon documentation from that time. He then discussed the archaeology associated with this area. First, other historians were consulted regarding their opinions of actual locations and actions taken, and historical reports and data were reviewed to determine archaeological testing models to be used, especially in searching for lead projectiles from the battle. Archaeological methods used included use of a metal detector as well as searching for “scavenged” lead projectiles previously found by others. Locations where projectiles were found were used to try to identify troop and Seminole positions. Due to issues with metal detection in the wetlands plus previous scavenging, the concluding point of the battle could not be located, but key points of the battle could be speculatively identified. Additional research was also accomplished on identifying potential weapons used and which were Seminole vs. troops. In addition, other artifacts were identified in the area that demonstrated occupation during prehistorical, Seminole and farming time periods, which could be further studied.

CFAS officers Deborah Bauer and Susan Harrington were in attendance.

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted on March 16, 2021

Susan Harrington, Secretary

Central Florida Anthropological Society