

North Carolina Fossil Club

Business Meeting Minutes submitted by Terry Denny

November 19, 2017

Next meeting: January 21, 2018 NC Museum of Natural Sciences

Meeting was called to order by Diane Willis. Introduced 2 new members, Lucy Walsh and Laura Shearin. The program was ***Paleozona! A Presentation of the June 2017 Trip to collect fossils, see natural wonders, experience history, and learn about the ecology of AZ*** led by James Bain. After a short break, the Business meeting followed.

No minutes were available for the 9/17 meeting.

Minutes were read by Terry Denny for 10-21-17 Fossil Fair in Wilmington.

Diane announced new Secretary is Terry Denny as Joanne Panek-Dubrock has stepped down as Secretary. Joanne has replaced Terry on the board for the 1 year position.

New positions have been named:

- Parliamentarian (to be determined)
- Webmaster - Mike Bruff
- Hospitality Chair - Joanne Panek-Dubrock
- Book Sales - Gary Lewis
- Quarry Liaison - Linda McCall
- Outreach Coordinator- (to be determined.)

Treasurer's report by David Sanderson - current balance is \$14,000 after \$500.00 expense for Fossil Fair, and \$10,700.00 spent on book reprints.

Membership/website - No report due to Mike Bruff's absence.

Book Sales report by Gary Lewis- there have been brisk sales of the new 2018 calendar at \$10.00 each. If it does well we can consider doing it again.

Newsletter- Richard Chandler- 2017 #4 is yet to come, 2nd week of January. No field trips until March edition. Deadline to contribute articles 1/1/2018.

Old Business:

Oct. 7 National Fossil Day- Linda McCall: 2nd year with Aurora Fossil Museum, 2,000 people visited the museum that day. Hot dogs and lots of fun had by all. May add displays and speakers in future - possibly Junior talks? Members not seen in Raleigh often attend this event.

Oct. 26 STEM Days at the NC Museum of Life and Science in Durham - Trish Kohler: 1st event date was cancelled but the rest took place with Diane Willis, Julie Niederkorn, Pam and Charlie Causey participating. Everyone had a table of extant shells, echinoids, ferns, teeth, etc. for kids to match up with fossil versions. Trish got a thank you note- "best liked of all programs at that event."

Oct 21 NCFC Fossil Fair- Joy Herrington: We picked up new members there. Richard shared it was different because visitors had a high level of interest and experience with fossils. John Timmerman and volunteers worked very hard to make the event a success.

Oct. 21 GSA Conference- Linda McCall made a presentation on Richard Chandler's CD Rom books, supporting that citizen scientists can work with professionals.

Nov. 9 Brown Summit Middle School Fall Conference: school of 340 students; Pam and Charlie participated.

Nov. 19 Carnival of Chemistry at U of Kansas - Linda McCall sent some specimens; they received enough specimens for their project

Trip Reports: Highlights were Clark's Quarry was a good site - finds included 3 ¼" *hastalis*, 6" meg, horse metatarsal. Hanson Quarry was a small area, though participants stayed a long time until 7:00 p.m.; two eagles were seen, and George Powell found a very large perfect whale bulla!

Several FOSSIL Project Webinars were announced. James Bain distributed door prizes. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15. -