

North Carolina Fossil Club

March 18, 2018 Business Meeting Minutes

President Diane Willis called the meeting to order and greeted members and visitors. Visitors were Lisa Conklin (Raleigh), Jeanie and Jerry Walker (Statesville), Chad Ritchie (NCSU) and David Gordon (Currituck). New member John Anderson is an Elon University professor of geology and paleontology.

Report from 1-21-18 Board Meeting Diane Willis announced several appointments: the Outreach Coordinator is Julie Niederkorn, the Parliamentarian is Joy Herrington, and the Bylaws/Rules Review Committee is composed of Joy Herrington, Linda McCall, and Gary Lewis.

Other Announcements:

Mike Bruff has designed business cards which Outreach volunteers might want to use. Also designed by Mike Bruff, decals were sent in the March *Janus*. Todd Power drew members' attention to Chase Doran Brownstein's paper (available online) which recognized help from NCFC. *Janus* will no longer publish membership lists. Linda McCall has been appointed Avocational Liaison to the Paleontology Society Council to help the Paleontological Society better serve the needs of the amateur community. Diane was pleased to announce that a new NCFC member, Gloria Sanders, has military clearance and will lead collecting trips to Onslow Beach.

Minutes 1-21-18 Meeting - Minutes for the 1-21-18 Meeting were read by Rebekah Gunn. There were several corrections to the Treasurer's Report: The NCFC began 2017 with a balance of \$14,905.02. Income for 2017 was \$18,306.48 (not \$18,000.00). Donations in 2017 totaled \$1,750.00 (not \$4,750.00). Total expenses were \$16,688.59. The balance on hand as of December 31, 2017, was \$16,522.91.

Treasurer's Report – David Sanderson reported the current balance is \$19,602.18, but he advised that a large expenditure for our liability insurance (probably around \$550) will be due in April.

Membership/Website – Mike Bruff reported that NCFC 2018 membership consists of 220 members: 88 households, 12 honorary members, and 120 individual members. The NCFC website is being moved to an easier platform, thanks to Mike and Kim's building it. The new website will be rolling out soon.

Books – Gary Lewis reported that book sales have slowed, but only 3 calendars remain. Calendar sales were so brisk that the club will produce a 2019 calendar.

Newsletter – Richard Chandler encouraged members to think about the purpose of the Newsletter. He suggested that a printed calendar was not longer needed, nor was devoting an entire page to listing the club's officers. He proposed that the Newsletter's function was to publish articles by club members: he reminded members of the mid-April deadline for the May Newsletter.

Outreach – Julie Niederkorn told members that *Janus* has an article about the procedure to follow when fulfilling outreach requests: Mike has created an online form which posts to a spreadsheet so that NCFC can track participation.

Old Business- outreach/conferences/field trips

Mike Bruff requested members to submit brief trip reports to accompany photos he posts on the website. Gloria Sanders explained that collecting trips to Onslow Beach would be best after storms and would be scheduled spur of the moment after weather events.

Various trip and event reports were given. Some details included

- Mar. 9 - Belgrade Open Quarry: 32 attendees; finds of petrified wood, toe bone
- Mar. 16 - Clarks Open Quarry: new dirt; finds of 2 horse teeth; ankle bone; *auriculatus*
- Feb. 3 – Cape Fear Museum in Wilmington: >500 attendees; 3 NCFC displayers
- Feb. 15 – Creekside Elem. Science Night: displays by Julie, Trish and Louis, Joy, Diane
- Feb. 24 – The Schiele Museum Fossil Fair: >1060 attendees

New Business

Aurora Fossil Festival – Eric Sadorf encouraged members to sign up to display or to volunteer at the Festival scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend. David Sanderson reminded the group of the Fossil Museum's April Science Saturdays.

Bylaws/Rules Committee – Joy Herrington reported that she and Committee members Linda McCall and Gary Lewis have met to identify topics that need to be addressed. The Committee realized that topics would need to be voted on by the entire membership: she assured the club that the entire membership would be notified of any upcoming vote and would be able to vote on any changes to the Bylaws. Because the NCFC is a 501(c)(3) entity, the Bylaws are a legal document.

Quarry Field Trip Situation Update: David Sanderson reported on the difficulties working with Castle Hayne management. NCFC is still able to schedule NCFC-only collecting trips, but NCFC members are excluded from Castle Hayne's Open Quarry days. Castle Hayne is planning to bulldoze the area we have been collecting. Linda McCall discussed the Clarks Quarry Open Day. A member suggested that Linda volunteer to coordinate the signup as a service to Clarks Quarry personnel. Linda noted that Belgrade and Onslow have not capped the number of collectors on Open Quarry Days...yet.

Break – Due to illness, there were no door prizes.

Program – Dr. Patricia Kelley, UNC Wilmington, spoke on *The Arms Race from a Snail's Perspective: Evolution of the Naticid Gastropod Predator-Prey System*.

Meeting Adjournment: ~4:30pm

*****Next Meeting – May 20, 2018*****

Minutes submitted by Rebekah Gunn because Terry Denny was absent.