

North Carolina Fossil Club

March 15, 2020

Business Meeting Agenda/Minutes Combined

*****Note:** This in-person meeting was **CANCELLED** because of the Coronavirus, Covid-19, situation and recommendations from the Governor, CDC, and local officials that meetings of groups in close quarters with large numbers of people not happen in order to attempt to contain the spread of the virus. Instead of meeting, officers, committee chairs, and others have submitted their reports and remarks in writing, which I'll include here under the relevant topic! Many thanks to everyone for making personal adjustments to accommodate these last-minute changes! Be aware that additional changes could easily happen in the Outreach and Field Trip schedules with little warning. - DCW

PROGRAM:

Hunting Dinosaurs in Alberta by Terry Denny (Re-scheduled for Sept. 20)

BUSINESS MEETING

Reports of Officers and Committees

Minutes 1-19-20 meeting – Terry Denny - Please see the attached Minutes of 1-19-2020. Please email Terry, our Secretary, with any changes or additions by May 1.

Treasurer's Report – David Sanderson – Balance as of March 11: \$22,649.72 with no outstanding invoices; large book order in process

Membership/Website – Mike Bruff – We have 259 members currently.

Books – Gary Lewis – We just printed 25 copies of Vol. II 2nd Ed. and 25 copies of Vol. III. The printing costs went way up due to 2 main issues: a) paper costs have increased (6 times over the past year!), mostly because the supply comes from China, and b) the new owner of this printing company has shifted its business model and is focusing on their profit margins. Gary was able to negotiate some good discounts for this printing but is looking around for other options.

*****NOTE:** The NCFC Board met online on 3-15-20 and passed a motion to increase the sales price of these two books by \$10 each.

Newsletter – Eric Sadorf – absent, but next newsletter is June

Outreach – Darryl Grater – see the reports below

Old Business- outreach/conferences/field trips

Field Trip Reports:

- 2/28- Onslow Quarry
- 3/6 - Castle Hayne Quarry
- 3/14 – GMR – Rick Trone

Outreach Reports Jan – Mar 2020:

- 1/23/20 Laurel Park Elem, Apex - C. Causey - 50 students
- 1/25/20 VA Museum Nat Hist, Martinsville - D. Grater - 1,003 attendees
- 1/25/20 Cape Fear Museum Dino Day, Wilmington - J. Timmerman, D. Clements - 1,638 attendees
- 1/27/20 Forest Pines Elem, Wake Forest - T. Denny - 156 students
- 2/3/20 Brogden Middle Sch, Durham - R. Krailler - 100 students
- 2/3/20 North Ridge Elem, Raleigh - C. Gourley - 25 students
- 2/8/20 Discovery Place, Charlotte - Campbell, Causey, Grater, Herrington, Mickle - 2,500 attendees
- 2/9/20 Waco School Fossil Kits - Waco Mammoth Nat Mon - kits delivered

- 2/22/20 Schiele Museum, Gastonia - Campbell, Grater, Krailler - 1651 attendees
- 2/26/20 Rogers Herr Charter Sch, Durham Co - R. Krailler - 100 students

New Business

Aurora Fossil Festival – Sat., May 23 – Don Rideout is our NCFC Coordinator who will work with Cindy at the AFM, which is in charge of the Festival this year. (As of this writing, the AFM has closed due to Covid-19.)

Science Olympiad – Gary Lewis – State Tournament 4/25 and National tournament 5/16 at NCSU - **Cancelled**. For the State tournament, Alex Lewis was working on the Fossils exam, and volunteers were in place to help when it got cancelled. Alex and Gary ran the Fossils event for both Middle and High School at 3 of the local Regional competitions (SE Raleigh, Durham, and Southern Wake) over the past month, and enjoyed all of them. They were signed up to run a Fossil event for an Elementary competition March 28, but all of that got cancelled.

Scholarship Committee – Don Rideout; Rick Trone, Rebekah Gunn, Jim Mickle – Committee has been meeting and will have some recommendations soon.

Fossil Fair 2020 – from Todd Power, Coordinator: The NCFC Fall Fossil Fair will be at the Greensboro Science Center on Saturday, Nov. 7. They are really excited about hosting us again! Please put this on your calendar as we want another good showing like we had in 2016 in Greensboro for folks in the more central and westerly parts of the state who don't have regular access to or the knowledge of fossils that many do in the eastern parts. We're working on advertising in the area so as to draw a large crowd. We'll need lots of displayers and lots of helpers, so begin to think about how you'd like to participate. I'm trying to get some helpers from the Science Center itself to add to our own so that our folks will have time to walk around to see the museum exhibits, aquarium, and zoo, as well as the other displays. I've met multiple times with the staff to begin the coordination and to survey the changes to the buildings to see which of the available spaces might work best for us this time. A major construction project was in progress when we were there in 2016, so there have been many changes. If it all works out, I'm trying to get all or most of us together in one larger room which wasn't an option in 2016 when we had to be spread out. We would have much better access to snack and lunch facilities and to a loading dock, but I'm still ironing out a few kinks. We'll have good areas for our fossil gravel pile and our Megalodon tooth raffle which are always favorites.

I've notified and invited about eight external organizations, and they were thankful for the early notice/reminder because they get booked up. Of course our members are center focus for our fossil fairs and I'm waiting to sign people up until after the Aurora Fossil Festival so as not to distract in any way from that. I'm hoping to see everyone there on Nov. 7 as we work together to help share our knowledge and passion for fossils with some folks who may not have had much exposure to fossils.

Fossil Fair 2021 – Still need to figure this out; working on possibility with Appalachian State Univ.

Field Trip Update and Up-coming Field Trips: Linda McCall (**Many of these could be cancelled or rescheduled due to Covid-19**) Linda is in close contact with Martin Marietta about trips into their quarries, and will let the club know the status of trips into them as she finds out. Other trips will or will not occur as those trip leaders decide, and they will let us know. Watch for email announcements.

- 3/20 - Belgrade Quarry (to be re-scheduled)
- 3/27 - Clarks Quarry (to be rescheduled?)
- 3/28 – Old Dock – Linda McCall
- 4/3 - Onslow Quarry
- 4/11 - GMR
- 4/18 - Tar R Cliffs
- 5/late - England – Gloria Sanders

- 5/15 - Belgrade Quarry
- 5/29 - Clarks Quarry [email date May 14 8:00am to Monica Spence]
- 6/12 - Castle Hayne Quarry [email date was Jan. 20 8:00am to Linda McCall]
- ***Coming up: Hanson Quarry ***
- **Events/Outreach – Upcoming (Many of these could be cancelled due to Covid-19)**
- 3/19/20 New Hope Elem, Hillsborough - T. Kohler, D. Willis – **Cancelled**
- Mar '20 Cub Pack 214, Matthews - (open)
- Mar '20 China Grove Elem, China Grove - (open)
- 4/2/20 Creekside Elem, Durham - T. Kohler - **Cancelled**
- 4/2/20 Hunter Magnet Elem Science Night, Raleigh - (open)
- 4/25/20 Norwood Festival Arbor Day, Norwood
- ongoing Science Olympiad - G. Lewis, A. Lewis - **Cancelled**

Door Prize Drawings – James Bain – didn't happen, but he was ready! Meeting Adjournment

*****Next Meeting is May 17, 2020 at 1:30pm in the Level A Conference Room of the NC Museum of Natural Sciences, Raleigh**

*****NORTH CAROLINA FOSSIL CLUB CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT*****

1. Please conduct yourselves in a manner that best represents the NCFC.
2. Please make a sincere effort to keep informed of all laws, regulations and rules regarding collecting on private and public lands.
3. Never use the name of the Club to gain access to lands, or scientific sites actively under study by paleontological professionals for personal gain or profit.
4. Please act responsibly and safely on all Club outings so as not to bring other members or yourself into harm or danger. Parents are responsible for their children and making sure their children follow all quarry, etc. rules. Firearms are prohibited from all Club functions.
5. Always respect and cooperate with the field trip leader or designated authorities in collecting areas. Do not bring along anyone not signed up for the trip, or any non-member to a trip without clearing it with the field-trip leader first.
6. Never collect a site immediately prior to a scheduled field trip thereby preventing fair collecting opportunities for the rest of the members of the Club. "Scouting" ahead of time by the field trip leader is fine.
7. You are encouraged to contact the appropriate professionals upon discovery of what you consider to be scientifically significant fossils. This includes excavation, preparation, and documentation of the fossils in question. You are encouraged to consider donating such fossils to appropriate facilities.