

North Carolina Fossil Club

May 17, 2020

Business Meeting Agenda/Minutes Combined

*****Note:** This meeting was **CONVERTED to a virtual meeting** because of the COVID-19, situation and continued 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. Some of our officers, committee chairs, and others have submitted their reports and remarks in writing, which are included here under the relevant topic! Many thanks to everyone for making personal adjustments to accommodate these trying times! We hope that you are staying well. - DCW

PROGRAM:

Belgrade Mammals and the FOSSIL Project

by Dr. Bruce MacFadden – University of Florida, and
The Florida Museum of Natural History

Graduate students Jeanette Pirlo and Dr. Victor Perez will also present

*Many thanks to Bruce for providing the Zoom platform and for technical help from
Jeanette and Victor!*

BUSINESS MEETING

Announcements

Cancellations: Norwood's Arbor Day Festival (in April); Aurora Fossil Festival (May 23); SFMS June meeting and all classes at William Holland

Candace Holliday, an AFM former director and organizer at the Aurora Fossil Festival, died May 4.

Congratulations to our high school & college graduates! (e.g. Gary Lewis' son from high school; Margie Bruff from UNC Chapel Hill)

"Prehistoric Road Trip" 6/17/20 10:00pm on PBS (suggested by Mary Boulton)

Reports of Officers and Committees

Minutes 3-15-20 meeting – Terry Denny – Approved.

Treasurer's Report – David Sanderson – Balance \$22,866.44. Spent \$3k on printing Vol's II and III; insurance is paid; no food expense; quarterly tax is minimal; next big expense: Fossil Fair.

Membership/Website – Mike Bruff – We have 260 members currently, as 201 memberships.

Books – Gary Lewis –***NOTE: The NCFC Board met online on 3-15-20 and passed a motion to increase the sales price of two books by \$10 each (Vol. II 2nd ed. and Vol. III). It was also noted that once supplies of CD's have been depleted, we may go to a version of e-book to download, as many people no longer use CD's.

Newsletter – Eric Sadorf – next *Janus* is June 1.

Outreach – Darryl Grater (reports below)

Old Business- outreach/conferences/field trips

Outreach Reports Mar – May 2020: Darryl Grater

- 5/1/20 Meet Your State Symbols – Joy Herrington submitted photos to be used with this online event

New Business

Request and Proposal – from Emily Bruff Simpson, PhD candidate at University of Cincinnati

Aurora Fossil Festival – Sat., May 23 – **CANCELLED for 2020**

Scholarship Committee – Don Rideout, Chair; Rick Trone, Rebekah Gunn, Jim Mickle, Linda McCall – Committee has met and will have some recommendations.

Fossil Fair 2020 – from Todd Power, Coordinator (not able to attend today): Todd has done a lot of planning in advance. We all hope that the Fair can be held as scheduled on Nov. 7 in some capacity, but it is too early to know. In the meantime, everything is on hold, and the Greensboro Science Center is closed.

Field Trip Update and Up-coming Field Trips: Linda McCall - She 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. Rick Trone hopes to have some non-quarry trips soon, such as Swift Cr., GMR, and Tar R.

Cooper River Dive Trip, SC: from Lee Cone - to NCFC Scuba Divers: Cooper River Dive Trip for SC fossils and artifacts; limited to 4-5 divers and myself with dive captain Mark Johnson on his pontoon dive boat; sleeping accommodations at his house/dock on the Cooper. I've been out with him numerous times and can attest for his professional ability and knowledge of the river; 2-4 days of diving, depending on what's desired. Dates are open. Bring your own gear; he can furnish air (or bring your own). He supplies 100's for longer dives. If interested contact Lee Cone at lccone@windstream.net.

Events/Outreach – Upcoming: Darryl Grater

- Reedy Creek Nature Center, Mecklenburg Co Parks and Rec – They asked for fossils to be loaned to them for an exhibit which will include “Fossils Found in NC”. Joy Herrington replied but has not yet heard back.

Sorry, no Door Prize Drawings!

Meeting Adjournment at 3:15pm

*****Next Meeting is July 19, 2020 at 1:30pm possibly in the Level A Conference Room of the NC Museum of Natural Sciences, Raleigh but probably via videoconferencing again! (stay tuned)**

*****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.

