

North Carolina Fossil Club

Business Meeting Minutes submitted by Terry Denny

January 21, 2018

Next meeting: March 18, 2018 NC Museum of Natural Sciences

Meeting was called to order by Diane Willis. Introduced several visitors and guests to the meeting, including Abby and Bill Dickinson.

The program was Part 2 of *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 and his Paleocampers: The Duvall Family, Charlie and Pam Causey, Trish and Louis Kohler, Joy Herrington, Diane and Bob Willis.**

Following the presentation, Richard Chandler presented the 2018 Chandler Award to James Bain for his contributions to the club, which include serving in various officer and board positions for the club, leading trips such as the Arizona trip in the presentation at today's meetings, and presenting many outreach programs around the state.

After a short break, the Business meeting followed.

Minutes were read by Terry Denny for 11-19-17 meeting at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences. Corrections were made by Trish Kohler regarding a horse metatarsal and members present at outreach. Minutes were adjusted and accepted. Minutes will be posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report was made by David Sanderson. Handouts were available with details. We began 2017 with a balance of \$14,905.02. Income for 2017 was \$18,306.48, including donations, and book and CD sales. We had \$1,750.00 in donations which we have not had previously. Total expenses were \$16,688.59. The balance as of December 31, 2017 was \$16,522.91.

Book sales report was made by Gary Lewis. Sales continue to be brisk, some books sold with memberships, and there are only 9 calendars left.

Newsletter report was made by Richard Chandler. The next newsletter should be out around the second week of March, at least a week or two before our first trip of the season, and articles should be sent to him by the end of February.

Membership/Website report was made by Mike Bruff: Memberships for 2017 were 252: 131 individual, 109 households, 12 honorary, and so far in 2018 there are 67 individuals, and 47 households for a total of 125 to date. A brief overview was given of the NCFC website, highlighting home page, photo galleries where outreach pictures are posted. If you do not want your picture there, it can be taken down. The calendar shows events, meetings, and a Google Calendar has been added allowing more information to be added, and a map is accessible. It can be downloaded to your own calendar as well. Other information of interest is contact information, purchasing memberships or download application, publications, map showing cities where members live, online store, trip reports, and a fossil ID gallery provided by Richard. Current members can request a logon for additional members-only information. There is also a

search bar only available to members. Rules and procedures, by laws, code of conduct also appear there as well as a list of current members. All past editions of Janus are on the site as well. Meeting minutes and notes are also posted. Account passwords can be changed on My Account. User ID is your first name and letter of your last name. Access is somewhat restricted to prevent outside interference. A printed handout was also available at the meeting.

Old Business- outreach/conferences/field trips

Grays Creek School had a 4th grade teacher request for outreach, a park ranger present at the meeting mentioned he could go to schools in area if asked.

Jan. 20 – VA Museum of Natural Sciences Ice Age Festival 9 – 3, Martinsville, VA

Field Trip reports were made for the following trips:

Dec. 1 - Castle Hayne– David Sanderson reported they collected in a new area, on other side, a nice *auriculatis*, *Hardouinia kellumi*, were among other finds

Dec. 8 – Clarks Quarry — Don Rideout reported everyone had a good time, lots of nice fossils found

New Business

Cindy Crane reported on events for the Aurora Fossil Museum. This year, the Aurora Fossil Festival is the 25th anniversary of the festival and 40th birthday of the museum. The opening ceremonies are on Friday May 25th, and the festival will be running all day Saturday May 26th. Science Saturdays will be in April- talks and activities, April 7th is Science Bingo, April 14th Dr. Daniel, professor and chair of Dept. of Anthropology at ECU, will give a talk “Earliest North Carolinians, Native American Occupations along the Tar River Valley.” Emily Adams- Geologist at Nutrien (formerly Potash Corp.)- is giving a talk on the geology and phosphate of the Aurora area. A donation was made to update the bathrooms at the museum.

Aurora Fossil Festival

Diane announced that Eric has agreed to coordinate the Aurora Fossil Festival for the club again. He will let everyone know when to sign up to help. The Fall Fossil Fair will likely be at the NC Natural Sciences Satellite museum in Whiteville, but no date is set at this time, Diane mentioned we are awaiting confirmation on conflicting events.

Quarry Field Trip Situation report was given by Linda McCall, David Sanderson, and Don Rideout.

Currently the quarries are not scheduling dates for our club, they are more locked down by upper management. Keeping to a single visit every quarter, open quarry days, but we are able to pick the days. This information will be emailed to club members, but there will be no sign ups or trip leaders, people just show up that day. These open quarry days are not sponsored by our club, so no one should sign in as a NCFC club member. They are open to all collectors, and likely will be crowded. There are talks to try to arrange dates for our club, but as of now these are not arranged. Don reported that he would try to contact quarries to check on weather cancellations, and send out emails to let members know if the open quarry days are cancelled. Members were reminded to act as you would on a club trip, as we are known and we do not want to reflect badly on the club. Reminders of what to wear, what equipment to bring, would be sent out, so we are in compliance. There is concern that if too many people show up on open quarry days, or if

people are not in compliance with regulations, it may cause them to cancel these days in the future or limit them in some way.

Upcoming Field Trips to Jacobs Creek Quarry, led by Ruffin Tucker, will be Feb. 10 and March 10 with rain dates on Feb 11 and March 11. Several upcoming Events/Outreach were listed: Feb. 3 – Cape Fear Museum in Wilmington 1 – 4pm; Feb. 12 – 15 – Creekside Elem. Science Week and Night (2/15); Feb. 24 – The Schiele Museum Fossil Fair 9 – 4; March 27 - Hunter GT/AIG Magnet Elementary Family Science Night; April 12 – 13 SE GSA; April 28 - Norwood Arbor Day and Fossil Fair 9 – 4.

Door prizes were given and the meeting was adjourned.