

North Carolina Fossil Club

July 15, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Welcome by Diane Willis at 1:30 p.m. at the residence of Linda McCall in Reidsville, NC. Business meeting was conducted first in order to tour Linda's collection after the presentation.

Minutes from the board meeting were approved online and will be posted on the website.

Reports of Officers and Committees

Minutes of the 5-20-18 meeting were read by Terry Denny. There were no corrections and minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report was sent by David Sanderson: The current balance is \$20,209.00 which is a little lower due to recent purchases of 25 copies of Vol. III and IV Part 2.

Membership/Website – sent from Mike Bruff: Current membership as of July 13, 2018 is 256 memberships, which breaks down to 320 adults and 17 children.

Books – sent from Gary Lewis: Total book and calendar sales to date is \$5,477.00

Newsletter – Richard Chandler sent a reminder that September 1 is the deadline for submissions to the next newsletter sent to Eric Sadorf, new editor.

Old Business- outreach/conferences/field trips Open quarry dates so far are: Onslow: Sept. 7 and Nov. 16, Belgrade: Sept. 21st and Nov. 9th, and Clark's: Oct. 5th and Nov. 30th. Other trips so far are Swift Creek on Sept. 22, and Tar River on Oct. 6th.

Outreach – The following events were attended by club members: May 19, 2018- Meet Your State Symbols attended by Joy Herrington; Aurora Fossil Festival, Union County Public Library by Ruffin Tucker and Levi Tucker; Holly Springs Salamanders by Dan Peters, Joy Herrington, Darryl Grater, Staci Lewis, and Julie Niederkorn; Chatham Library, Chapel Hill by Charlie Causey; Discovery Place, Charlotte by Ruffin Tucker, David Campbell, Darryl Grater and Terry Denny.

New Business

Bylaws and Rules Committee: Joy Herrington – She explained reasons for elections: to choose officers and directors, to deal with amendments to the Bylaws/Rules, or to extract a "bad apple." She told the members present about the uses of club funds, which include bulk buying of materials (e.g. Butvar, books), travel costs (e.g. the Smithsonian, other visitors), research grants, and occasional museum supplies. Since the present wording in the Bylaws Article I Sect. 3 doesn't seem

suitable for those types of uses, Joy asked the group about some possible new wording and got positive "yea" from the group. The Committee will continue its work.

Joy then explained another big change to the Bylaws/Rules which would allow proxy voting so the entire membership could vote in the annual election as opposed to just the people who attend the Fossil Fair and annual meeting.

Voting for or against these changes will be electronic and will go to Joy, Linda, or Gary, PLUS people without email will vote by snail mail.

Field Trips: Onslow and Belgrade have picked dates, others are still in the works. Janus will have dates for quarry collecting as well as other field trip dates. Once Martin-Marietta dates are set other dates will be set.

Fossil Fair Nov. 3 at NC Museum of Life and Science, Durham, NC – If you wish to display or volunteer, please contact Trish Kohler. Exhibitors and volunteers get in free to the fair, visitors will pay \$20.00 admission to the museum. Afterwards there will be a gathering for dinner at Milo's in Durham. Notify Trish if you plan to go.

Nominating committee: Joy Herrington and Todd Power had agreed to serve on the committee. Diane asked for a 3rd volunteer to complete the committee, Terry Denny offered to serve.

Events/Outreach: GSA (Geological Society of America) Conference is the same weekend as the Fossil Fair, and partly the week leading up to then.
Upcoming outreach event at Marbles Museum, Raleigh: "The Meg" Julie Niederkorn, Jonathan Fain, and Laura Kirks, one more displayer would be appreciated.

Other: National Fossil Day will be celebrated in Aurora, NC on October 6, 2018. Cindy Crane will plan a celebration.

There has been a question on whether the club should buy a projector. Bruce McCall will look into this for the club and provide further information.

Program: Presented by Linda McCall: Fossil Collecting Trip in Nebraska: Black Hills Institute-Amateurs That Partner with Professionals, and tour of her personal collection.

Door Prize drawings

Meeting adjourned by Diane Willis at 4:00 p.m.