

North Carolina Fossil Club

March 17, 2019

Business Meeting Minutes submitted by Terry Denny

Welcome by Diane Willis at 1:30 p.m. Diane announced Trish Kohler's birthday and her absence from today's meeting, as well as Julie Niederkorn, outreach coordinator. New Members/Guests today included Doug and his daughter Maya, and Michelle Diener, a new member. Our program speaker was introduced.

PROGRAM: *Belgrade Quarry – a Trip through the Oligocene* presented by Don Rideout, long-time NCFC member.

FOSSIL Project: Linda reported The FOSSIL Project is hunting the Belgrade Quarry for mammal material. They are looking for volunteers to assist them in collecting specimens for research in specified piles. All finds would be turned over to The University of Florida. If you are interested in participating, take a flyer or see Linda.

Reports of Officers and Committees

Minutes – Terry Denny read the minutes from the 1-20-19 meeting. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – David Sanderson reported the current balance is \$22,770.00. This includes the \$371.00 purchase of the new projector. We also renewed our insurance membership to SFMS at \$962.00. The \$2000.00 check to Aurora Fossil Museum is on hold until it is determined if a lawsuit against the roofing company that had done the unsatisfactory work is possible. Cindy Crane was unable to attend the meeting to give an update.

Membership/Website – Mike Bruff reported we have 216 total memberships- 94 household 13 honorary and 109 individuals. There was no update on the website. This was the first time Janus was only sent out online with a link. 80% clicked on the link, no one forwarded the link which is for members only. Linda asked about contact information, as only e-mails are listed. Street addresses and phone numbers are not listed but Mike can give access to trip leaders if someone cannot be reached by e-mail.

Books – Gary Lewis reported we sold \$1550.00 worth of books and calendars which is \$435.00 profit for the club. There are thirteen 2019 calendars remaining. These are no longer available in the online store, e-mail Gary directly. Volumes II and IV-2 need reprinting before the Aurora Fossil Festival, as well as Cretaceous. Volume I may need reprinting sometime in the near future. This should get us through the year. Diane noted this will be discussed at the board meeting.

Newsletter – Eric Sadorf reported the next newsletter will go out June 1st, if you need anything put in it, send it before then. There was brief discussion on whether or not to include board members and contact information in Janus, as it is now online only on the website where that information is found. There was no decision made at this time.

Outreach – Julie Niederkorn was absent but information was put on the agenda.

Old Business- outreach/conferences/field trips

Field Trips:

Feb. 22 - Onslow Open Quarry

March 9 – Old Dock Quarry – Linda McCall (FULL)

March 15 – Clarks Quarry (FULL – using 10-5-18 cancelled list)

March 16 – Tar River – Rick Trone (FULL)

Events/Outreach:

Jan. 24 – Lacy Elementary School, Raleigh – Terry Denny reported about 200 parents and students attending.

Feb. 23 - Schiele Museum of Natural History, Gastonia –Geology and Fossil Fair - Mary Boulton, Darryl Grater, Gary Lewis, Julie Niederkorn, Richard Chandler, James Bain, David Campbell and family, and Joy Herrington attended. It was bigger than previous years, but there were a lot of vendors. This did not seem to affect things too negatively and some vendors were helpful. Appalachian State had a table and Aurora as well. It was well attended (around 1300).

March 7 - Creekside Elementary School Science Night, Durham - Diane Willis, Trish Kohler, Joe Magura, Julie Niederkorn, Jonathan Fain attended. They were in their own room rather than the gym which was nice and there was a lot of traffic. Diane did a mineral display/activity instead of fossils, others did hands-on fossil activities.

March 2- Durham Regional Science Olympiad- Fossil event was run by Todd and Alex at Riverside High School. There were about 40 teams, the middle school level had more girls. One girl had no partner and won the event.

Bylaws/Rules – Diane reported the new changes were accepted last fall; will be on website soon (sorry for the delay!)

New Business

Aurora Fossil Festival – May 24-25 – Cynthia Crane, Director AFM; NCFC coordinator: Eric Sadorf requested 16 tables, still has 8 tables available and needs volunteers to cover for exhibitors for breaks, etc.

Fossil Fair Nov. 2, 2019 – Wilmington, NC – Ramona Krailler volunteered to be the Coordinator.

Projector – purchased for the club by Linda McCall! Richard mentioned he still has an old slide projector that belongs to the club. Linda suggested it should be kept for old slides. It may be discussed at the board meeting.

FOSSIL Citizen Science project in Belgrade Quarry – Linda McCall

Field Trip Update: Linda McCall

Field Trips (2019): (See website for details) **Belgrade and Castle Hayne Quarries are still closed.

March 30 – Green’s Mill Run – Rick Trone (FULL)

Apr. 6 – Hanson, Rocky Mount – Linda McCall (FULL)

Apr. 13 – Old Dock Quarry - Linda McCall (FULL)

Apr. 21 – Stratford Hall, VA – Paul Murdoch – (FULL) – NCFC Linda McCall, Todd Power; Linda noted this is a “pilot” to see if future trips will be scheduled. The Delaware club may also schedule trips to the Chesapeake. These trips foster relationships between clubs. Linda may also consider planning Texas or Colorado trips next year.

Apr. 26 – Onslow Open Quarry

May 11 -- Hanson, Rocky Mount – Linda McCall (FULL)

May 17 – Clarks Open Quarry is full. List of participants was read.

May 18 – Old Dock Quarry – Linda McCall

Upcoming Events/Outreach Opportunities (2019): Contact Julie if you are interested in participating.

Apr. 11 Hunter Elementary School, Science Night, Raleigh, NC

Apr. 13 Sylvan Bird Sanctuary, Fossil Fair, Scotland Neck, NC

Apr. 13 Wayne Community College, Homegrown Science in NC, Goldsboro, NC

Apr. 19-20 Dino Days, NCMNS, Durham, NC

Volunteers still needed-Julie Niederkorn - outreach@ncfossilclub.org

Apr. 27 – Norwood Festival and Fossil Fair, Norwood, NC – need volunteers – Julie Niederkorn outreach@ncfossilclub.org

Apr. 27 - Meet Your State Symbol Event, Capitol grounds, Raleigh - Joy Herrington

May 25 - Aurora Fossil Festival, Aurora NC – need volunteers – Eric Sadorf emsadorf@usgs.gov

Door Prize Drawings – James Bain

Meeting Adjournment / Show & Tell

*****Next Meeting – May 19, 2019 at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences*****