North Carolina Fossil Club

September 15, 2019 Business Meeting Minutes by Terry Denny

Welcome given by Diane Willis at 1:30 p.m. Diane read two thank you notes to the club from Cindy Crane, Executive Director of the Aurora Fossil Museum, and the museum board of directors regarding the $2000.00 donation from the club toward roof repairs. Cindy is still looking for volunteers to help with other repairs at the museum. Visitors to the meeting today were Alan from Ashville, Elizabeth and Susan from Chapel Hill. New members attending were Andrew Gibbs with his mother and sister from Benson, Brooke from Raleigh, and Jean and her "driver" from Hillsborough.

PROGRAM: *Enigmatic Fossil Occurrences in the Murphy Marble in Swain County, NC*. Presenters: Donald Hathaway, Mining and Engineering Geology Consultant, Asheville, NC, and Joseph T. Forrest, Geological and GIS Consultant, Resource Geoservices LLC, Efland, NC.

BUSINESS MEETING Reports of Officers and Committees

Minutes from 7-19-19 meeting were summarized by Terry Denny. There were no corrections or additions and minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report was given by David Sanderson: The current balance is $21, 877.45.

Membership/Website report was given by Mike Bruff. There were no website updates. Mike asked members that were not receiving e-mails and Janus links to report it to him. Membership is up slightly- 244 members, 122 individual, 109 households and 13 honorary.

Books report was given by Gary Lewis: Net profit for this year so far has been $1,042.00 and $33.00 of that was 3rd quarter. Cretaceous and Paleogene books are being sent off to be reprinted and John Timmerman has created a colorized cover for the new printing. Vol. 2 will be the next to be reprinted as a new Edition with some new pictures added. There are 20-30 new shells contributed by Don from Tar River and Linda from Belgrade. 2 pages will be included about today's talk as well. It will be ready for the Fossil Fair.

Newsletter report was given by Eric Sadorf. The next newsletter will be out in early December. Send any articles to Eric. Diane commented that the newsletters look very nice.

Outreach report was given by Julie Niederkorn – July 26-27 – Dinosaur Festival, Virginia Museum of Natural History, Martinsville VA – Darryl Grater, Joy Herrington had big crowds of up to 1500 on Friday, Darryl reported he was the only exhibitor, and Joy joined on Saturday with 14-1500 attendees. • Aug 24 – NCMLS in Durham NC – Dino Academy – Trish Kohler, Terry & Victor Denny, Charlie & Pam Causey, Ramona Krailler, Jonathan Fain attended. Trish reported that 3,000 people came through and it was a very successful event.

Upcoming events: Rankin Museum Mini Fossil Fair in Ellerbee on Sept.21 may still need volunteers. Contact Julie. Oct. 5- Science Olympiad Coaches Clinic at Southeast Raleigh HS will take place in which Gary and Alex Lewis along with last year's winner Ashwyn Srinivasan will present about the fossil event. They will also assist with creating a regional and state test. NC State will host the Nationals in 2020. They will want volunteers for the state competition and possibly the nationals later on. Oct.15 Cheryl Gourley will speak to 100 4th graders at Zebulon Elementary. Oct. 19 is National Fossil Day in Aurora, outside and in the education center. It is a family event with activities for children and a community picnic. Julie had brochures for the event. More volunteers are needed. W. Kerr Scott Park is hosting an event rescheduled from August that Darryl Grater will attend. Nov. 2 from 9-5 is our Fossil Fair at the Cape Fear Museum of History and Science, Wilmington NC – Ramona Krailler, Coordinator. Exhibits are full, but more volunteers are needed to staff book

sales, membership table, voting table, meg tooth raffle, lunch breaks for exhibitors, breaks for exhibitors to go out and see the fair, etc. Volunteers get free admission to the fair. Ramona will send out details soon. Terry Denny will present at 3 elementary schools coming up, Alston Ridge, Abbotts Creek and Holly Grove, dates TBA. Todd Power wrote an article for the Greensboro Science Center.

WACO Mammoth Fossil Kit Program is requesting fossil donations to make fossil kits for teachers. This program is run by the Waco Parks and Rec Department and in the past 25 states participated. Teachers apply for the kits which include fossils and other supplies like magnifying glasses, rulers and other items. Our logo will be put on the kits as well. A few club members participated last year. If you have extra fossils to send, these will be collected at the next couple of meetings and sent out together. Fossils should be put in baggies and labeled by type of fossils and county and state where they were found. Only fossils found in the United States can be used. They will label them for the kits and distribute the kits next May. A report will be sent afterward about the kits and where they went.

NEEDED! a new Outreach Coordinator when Julie steps down in Nov. We need a volunteer to take this position. Contact Julie or Diane if you are interested.

Field Trips: • July 26 – Onslow Open Quarry • Aug 10 – Greens Mill Run – Rick Trone

Nominating Committee report: Terry Denny, Mary Boulton, Richard Trone – Terry reported the slate: according to Bylaws any additional nominations must be submitted by petition signed by at least 5 members no later than 14 days prior to the voting. Rick Trone is the contact person for any further nominations. Currently the slate of candidates includes President: Diane Willis, Vice President: Charlie Causey and candidates for Directors: James Bain, Mary Boulton, Trish Kohler, Gary Lewis, Don Rideout, Rick Trone. Darryl Grater was asked to run but declined. There will be online voting for members not attending the fair. An announcement will be sent out regarding this. Joy volunteered to help Terry count ballots at the fair. Joy will also receive online votes and bring them to the fair. Paper ballots will be at the fair as well. An announcement will be sent out with the slate on it so additional nominations can be made. Letters with this information will be mailed to members without e-mail by the committee.

Field Trip Update was made by Don Rideout Field Trips: See Sept. 2019 Janus for details. E-mails regarding trips will be sent out prior to the signup dates.

Scholarship Proposal: Rick Trone suggested the club fund an annual $1000.00 scholarship for a HS senior for a major in Geology or Paleontology. Someone else mentioned community colleges should be included as well. A committee would be needed to consider applications. There was discussion regarding concern about the number of schools and possible number of applications and how to make this manageable. Possibly limiting the criteria or field of applicants? Graduate study? Majors cannot be declared that early. Don was asked to form a committee to study this idea and determine how to work out the details. Diane, Cheryl, Don Rideout, Rebecca, Jim Mickle, Rick, and Brooke were asked to be on the committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m. Door Prize Drawings – James Bain (Thank you!)

*****Next meetin**g November 2, 2019 at Cape Fear Museum of History and Science, Wilmington NC following the Fossil Fair.