

North Carolina Fossil Club

July 19, 2020

Business Meeting Minutes

***Note: This meeting was once again held virtually via Zoom because of the COVID-19 situation. Some of our officers, committee chairs, and others 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

Welcome: Diane Willis- Meeting commenced at 1:30 with greetings and introduction of the guest speaker.

PROGRAM:

Dicynodonts: Tusked Survivors of the Permo-Triassic

by Dr. Christian Kammerer

Research Curator of Paleontology at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences

Many thanks to Mike Bruff for providing the Zoom platform and for technical help from Gary Lewis and Linda McCall

BUSINESS MEETING commenced at 2:32.

Announcements – One more member is needed for the nominating committee. Diane will appoint if no one volunteers. Bruce McFadden wrote to ask if any club members had collected the large oysters from the Belgrade mounds he is studying. A friend of his is interested in using these to determine the age of the mammal bearing unit. If you have these please contact Bruce. Cancellation of 2020 Fossil Fair at Greensboro Science Center (more below). At the March board meeting it was approved to send a set of books to the new Greenville museum, A Time for Science. They have sent thanks to the club. The board will meet again to discuss books.

Reports of Officers and Committees

Minutes 5-17-20 meeting – Terry Denny read an abbreviated summary. Minutes were approved with one addition of an outreach.

Treasurer's Report – David Sanderson – Balance is \$22,278.82. \$1000.00 grant was given to Emily Simpson, \$50.00 given to May speakers, and sales tax was paid for book sales.

Membership/Website – Mike Bruff – We have 279 members currently, as 210 memberships.

Books – Gary Lewis – Volume II edition 2 has about 28 new pages. The board will be discussing a possible new printer and going to online e-books instead of CDs. Go to website to purchase.

Newsletter – Eric Sadorf was unable to attend today. The next Janus is Sept. 1

Old Business- outreach/conferences/field trips were cancelled due to Covid-19.

Outreach Reports- May – July 2020: Darryl Grater - none

New Business

Fossil Fair 2020 – from **Todd Power, Coordinator** (not able to attend today): Todd has done a lot of advance planning. The Greensboro Science Center is partially open. Todd sent a report to the Board. The museum scheduled another event for our date. However the

board decided to cancel due to Covid. There was a suggestion to consider a virtual event this year, such as a virtual tour or some sort of virtual displays by members and others.

Some web links were shared by Emily Bruff and Linda McCall:

<https://artsandculture.google.com/streetview/american-museum-of-natural-history/OQGjMrLQ0rj5Dw?sv lng=-73.97351809479204&sv lat=40.7810694131632&sv h=328.7991186334191&sv p=2.1460454009615972&sv pid=EHEwxUh1-TV2w845EfUaDw&sv z=0.680382065799839>

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17lfWMZ6AAKAv-cbTeDJ2_g9_PShZxz0LeecUjNA0Hqs/edit?fbclid=IwAR2xk8E7sgjBNpwGyXnwmhkWw7phyo6-e8w57NiAaeIPq_o2SH134Zzo8yQ#gid=0

<https://mtdinotrail.org/event/8th-annual-dino-shindig/>

The board will make a final decision regarding this event at their upcoming meeting.

Fossil Fair 2021 – There was discussion to find a new venue for 2021. Appalachian State Univ. was mentioned but it is uncertain if they will be able to commit. The board will discuss this further.

Field Trip Update and Up-coming Field Trips: Linda McCall – Everything is still on hold. Watch for emails for non-quarry trips in the fall when the weather is cooler.

Nominating Committee – Appointed by the President with approval of the Board. They are: David Sanderson, Lynn Moore, and Travis Seymour. Their duties are to prepare and present a slate of candidates to the membership at the September meeting, and make sure these candidates agree to run. At least 6 names are selected for the 4 board positions. They also accept nominations presented from 5 or more members at least 14 days prior to the election. These would need to be in by October 24th. All members are notified of the final slate and voting instructions will also be provided. Electronic voting is permitted by the bylaws for eligible members. Previously, a voting email was set up with a google form. Names were included to be sure one vote each. Voting on Zoom was discussed but this eliminates secret ballot option, unless a poll is used. Mail in ballots can be an option for those not able to vote online. There is a list of secondary names for Household Memberships to compare for eligibility. If there is a question they will be contacted to confirm.

Events/Outreach – Upcoming: Darryl Grater – nothing at this time

Scholarship Committee? – Don Rideout, Chair; Rick Trone, Rebekah Gunn, Jim Mickle, Linda McCall- no current report.

Sorry, no Door Prize Drawings! Meeting Adjournment at 3:43pm

*****Next Meeting: Sunday, September 20, 2020 at 1:30 via Zoom!**