

North Carolina Fossil Club

July 21, 2019 Business Meeting Minutes

Welcome at 1:30 by Diane Willis. There were a number of young guests: Ian, Eric, Oliver, Cinci and George. A few announcements included a giveaway of a number of scientific papers, and Diane shared that there were some Devonian fossils donated by Dean Newcomb to the NCFC a few months ago. Terry Denny has been distributing these, including 22 that were donated to the NC Museum of Natural Sciences. More will be distributed to schools or groups that can use the specimens. Some will also be club door prizes. Linda McCall found a new crab genus and species in Pender County. A paper has just been published and Diane had a copy available to read at the break. The genus was named *Lindahomila*. The program was *Lions and Tigers and Bears Oh My! A Trip through the Black Hills and the Badlands of South Dakota and Nebraska*, presented by Linda McCall, with additions from Trish Kohler, Julie Niederkorn, and Mary Harbison.

BUSINESS MEETING

Reports of Officers and Committees

Minutes- Terry Denny read the minutes from the 5-19-2019 meeting. These were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report – David Sanderson reported our current balance is \$20,818.00.

Membership/Website – Mike Bruff reported our current memberships are 238 total, 13 honorary, 118 individual and 107 family.

Books – Gary Lewis reported sales were slow currently. 24 copies of Vol. IV have been reprinted. Dr. Chandler is getting Vol. II ready to reprint as well as Cretaceous so they will be available for the Fossil Fair. The last 4 copies of the 2019 calendars are now available for \$5.00 if anyone wants one. The 2020 calendars will also be ready for the Fossil Fair.

Newsletter – Eric Sadorf was not present.

Outreach – Julie Niederkorn reported that outreach has also slowed for the summer, but the following events took place:

May 24 – FOSSIL Citizen Science project at Belgrade with Dr. Bruce MacFadden/Lee Cone/many NCFC participants (Eric Sadorf, Diane Willis, Charlie and Pam Causey, Travis Seymour, Ramona Krailler, Sam Schmidt, Michele Diener, Merrill Mille, Don and Teresa Muller, Deborah Palmer, Julie Niederkorn, Edgar Butler, Henry Pully, Willisia Holbrook, and Stuart Clayman) and others. These fossils were all turned over to the project for study. Diane found a half deer tooth and Julie found a Squalodon. Some of the baggies had not yet been looked at to report finds. It was a limited collecting area comprising a specific time period.

May 25 - Aurora Fossil Festival, Aurora NC –Eric Sadorf was not present to report but it was mentioned that the club was far from where the vendors and other people were set up, so it affected attendance at the displays. This was disappointing to club members.

June 23-29 – N. Amer. Paleontological Convention, Riverside, CA – Linda McCall presented: “Collaborations between Amateurs, Professionals, and Yes, Even Fossil Dealers – a Personal Perspective;” part of a symposium chaired by Jack Kallmeyer, Cincinnati Dry Dredgers and FOSSIL. Linda reported that it was the first time amateur/avocational speakers presented at this conference. Some talks had 60+ people attending. She shared about a presentation by two kids that search for and buy specimens of new species online and donate them to get the new species written up. Linda shared that fossil dealers have a negative reputation, but she tried to include in her talk mention of dealers that are ethical as well as discussion about the contributions of the amateur fossil collectors. Afterwards she was approached by the head paleontologist for the Forest Service in the Department of Agriculture. She felt there is hope for future changes in regulations with the BLM and Forest Service through these conversations about the amateur community.

July 16 – Holly Springs Salamanders Baseball Education Day – Ramona Krailler, Joy Herrington, Julie Niederkorn attended. Unfortunately, many kids came in groups and the teachers did not allow them time to look at the displays. Families stopped by, but not many.

Old Business- outreach/conferences/field trips

Field Trips:

May 31 – Onslow Open Quarry (moved from 4/26) It had not rained and was not very productive. There were not many finds.

June 1 – Old Dock (moved from Apr 13 & May 18)– Linda McCall shared that it is smaller, only a few people were there but they had a good day.

June 15 – Hanson Quarry (moved from May 11) – Darryl Grater shared some people found very nice Great White teeth.

June 29 – Swift Creek – Gary shared he found a deer leg bone that is likely fossilized. Someone else found another. Terry Denny found a whale tooth. It was pleasantly cool in the water. It is an easy access spot.

July 12 – Belgrade Quarry- no report.

July 6 – Tar River – The site is on the side of a cliff, but there are plentiful shells of many types.

New Business

Nominating Committee – Rick Trone, Mary Boulton, Terry Denny. Volunteers that are interested in running should contact the committee. Candidates for Officers and Directors (all are Board members) will be announced at the September meeting. The club will be asked to make additional nominations at that time. There is a new procedure from last year that allows online voting for those unable to attend the Fossil Fair. Mike will send out the email address.

Fossil Fair (Nov. 2, 2019) update – Cape Fear Museum of History and Science, Wilmington NC – Ramona Krailler, Coordinator - Half of the 60 tables are full, there is still room. Ramona has a list of participants. Meg tooth raffle is a go again; there are volunteers needed for that table. Several outside groups will be participating with us as well, some groups have not responded yet. Joanne has volunteered to do the food again. Handouts advertising the fair are available to give out at outreach events.

Brochure for the NCFC (new!) – Terry Denny, Gary Lewis: The new brochures are finished and available to give out at outreach events. Some were on the table to take after the meeting.

Field Trip Update: Linda McCall will contact the quarries as soon as the last trip has happened so the next trips will be scheduled for the fall. If anyone has ideas for other trips, contact Linda with information.

Upcoming Field Trips (2019): (See website for details)

Upcoming Events/Outreach (2019):

- July 26-27 – Dinosaur Festival, Virginia Mus Nat Hist, Martinsville VA – Darryl Grater, Joy Herrington
- August 10- Kerr Scott Event- Darryl Grater will attend
- Aug 24 – NCMLS in Durham NC – Dino Academy – Trish Kohler – volunteers needed
- Sept 21 – Rankin Museum Mini Fossil Fair, Ellerbe NC – Ruffin Tucker – volunteers needed
- Oct 19, Sat – National Fossil Day at Aurora Fossil Museum with NCFC co-hosts: Linda McCall has volunteered to coordinate! Picnic, displays, activities...
- Nov. 2 – NCFC Fossil Fair (see above)
- Fall – possible FOSSIL Citizen Science project again at Belgrade Quarry – Dr. Bruce MacFadden UFl; Lee Cone SFAFM
- Winter – Abbotts Creek Elementary, N. Raleigh NC – Terry Denny- Program for 100 2nd gr students

Other announcements: Julie will be stepping down as Outreach Coordinator and a new coordinator will be needed. Julie shared her duties include being the contact for outreach requests and helping coordinate volunteers to cover those events. Julie will finish up the year.

A donation to Aurora Fossil Museum, made for \$2000, was used to repair the roof. Now volunteers are needed to help with ceiling and other repairs this fall. Do sign up!

Door Prizes– James Bain. Meeting Adjourned at 3:45 p.m. Next meeting will be Sept. 15, 2019 at NCMNS.