

North Carolina Fossil Club

September 20, 2020

Business Meeting Agenda

*****Note:** This meeting will **again be held virtually via Zoom** because of the COVID-19 situation. Many thanks to everyone for making personal adjustments to accommodate these trying times! We hope that you are staying well. – DCW ***

PROGRAM:

Hunting Dinosaurs in Alberta

by Terry Denny

Many thanks to Mike Bruff for providing the Zoom platform, and Gary Lewis for technical help!

BUSINESS MEETING

Announcements –

- Congratulations to Linda McCall for being named the recipient of the prestigious Strimple Award of the Paleontological Society!
- Board meeting 7-13-16-20/7-23-20 highlights; Board action 9-9-20
- Board approved award of \$1000 to PhD Candidate Emily Simpson for her paleontological research as proposed to us at our May meeting
- NCMNS is scheduled to re-open in limited capacity Sept. 22. No school groups. Not us.
- SFMS reviewed NC law re meeting virtually; we are in compliance. Their mtg today is virtual.

Reports of Officers and Committees

Minutes 7-19-20 meeting – Terry Denny

Treasurer's Report – David Sanderson – Balance is

Membership/Website – Mike Bruff

Books, etc. – Gary Lewis

Newsletter – Eric Sadorf – next *Janus* is Dec. 1

Outreach – Darryl Grater(absent)

Old Business- outreach/conferences/field trips

Outreach Reports- July – Sept 2020: Darryl Grater(absent), Joy Herrington; others?

New Business

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.

Events/Outreach – Upcoming: Darryl Grater – nothing yet; waiting to hear re AFM Nat. Fossil Day SVP (Soc. of Vertebrate Paleontology) mtg Oct. 12 – 16+ - virtual

GSA (Geological Soc. of Amer) mtg Oct. 26 – 30 (register by 9/21/20) - virtual

Nominating Committee – David Sanderson, Lynn Moore, and Travis Seymour: presentation of slate of candidates for club election with voting starting Oct. 24. Explanation of procedures/timeline by Joy Herrington, Parliamentarian. Short statements by each candidate to introduce themselves.

Sorry, no Door Prize Drawings!

Meeting Adjournment at ____ pm

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*****Next Meeting is Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020 at 1:30pm via videoconferencing again! This will be our Annual Meeting at which club election results will be announced. We will also have a program with a speaker (instead of our usual Fossil Fair)!**

*****NOTE: If you have had trouble joining in our video-conferenced meetings, we would like to help you make it possible to attend. Please email Mike or Gary or even Diane for encouragement and specifics!**

*****NORTH CAROLINA FOSSIL CLUB CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT*****

1. Please conduct yourselves in a manner that best represents the NCFC.
2. Please make a sincere effort to keep informed of all laws, regulations, and rules regarding collecting on private and public lands.
3. Never use the name of the Club to gain access to lands, or scientific sites actively under study by paleontological professionals for personal gain or profit.
4. Please act responsibly and safely on all Club outings so as not to bring other members or yourself into harm or danger. Parents are responsible for their children and making sure their children follow all quarry, etc. rules. Firearms are prohibited from all Club functions.
5. Always respect and cooperate with the field trip leader or designated authorities in collecting areas. Do not bring along anyone not signed up for the trip, or any non-member to a trip without clearing it with the field-trip leader first.
6. Never collect a site immediately prior to a scheduled field trip thereby preventing fair collecting opportunities for the rest of the members of the Club. "Scouting" ahead of time by the field trip leader is fine.
7. You are encouraged to contact the appropriate professionals upon discovery of what you consider to be scientifically significant fossils. This includes excavation, preparation, and documentation of the fossils in question. You are encouraged to consider donating such fossils to appropriate facilities.