North Carolina Fossil Club

September 20, 2020

Business Meeting Minutes – by Terry Denny, Secretary

*****Note:** This meeting was once **again 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! This award is given for outstanding contribution by an amateur. Linda is the first woman to be granted this prize in its 37-year history!
- Board meeting 7-13-16-20/7-23-20 highlights: new printer has been found for the club publications; discussed the possibility of e-books in lieu of CDs; we will have a meeting instead of the Fossil Fair, but use the same date; and the board is looking into possible locations for the 2021 Fossil Fair. On 9-9-2020 the board also approved sending calendars to the Smithsonian, NCMNS people, and quarry and other fossil collecting sites' managers. Total expense: $145.60.
- There was previous Board approval of the 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.
- Archie the Aetosaur was installed at Appalachian State!
- Received a letter of thanks for Vol. II Ed. 2 from Don Hathaway.

Reports of Officers and Committees

Minutes 7-19-20 meeting – Terry Denny summarized the minutes. There were no corrections. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – David Sanderson – Current balance is $21,987.52. Expenses were $1455.00.

Membership/Website – Mike Bruff reported 215 memberships: 108 Household, 13 honorary, 94 individual memberships.

Books, etc. – Gary Lewis_ There are 27 2021 calendars left, available on the website for $12.50, including shipping. Volume I edition 2 is running low. He also reported e-books will be available online in lieu of CDs for $25.00 each. There will be news on lapel pins with club logo in November. Richard Chandler told us he would need to stop doing the photography of new specimens for the books because his arthritic neck is a problem. He said the books will stay as-is except for Vol. I 2nd Edition in progress. Several people spoke to thank Richard for his beautiful and copious work for the club books. Gary will work with Richard to help with other book details.

Newsletter – Eric Sadorf – next *Janus* is Dec. 1. Send articles one week before that.

Outreach – Darryl Grater(absent)

Old Business- outreach/conferences/field trips

Outreach Reports- July – Sept 2020: Darryl Grater(absent); Joy Herrington did 2 virtual presentations in her senior community. She is also doing a series of virtual presentations for Pearson Elementary 4th grades (99 participants): Fossil Plants and Animals and the Stories they Tell.

New Business

Field Trip Update and Up-coming Field Trips: Linda McCall – Everything is still on hold, though still in communication with the quarries. 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: Travis presented the slate of officers for the November club election. These are:

President- Ramona Krailler **Vice President-** Linda McCall

Director Nominees- Cheryl Gourley, Jim Mickle, Rebekah Gunn, Travis Seymour, Lynn Moore, Charlie Causey

There were short statements by each candidate to introduce themselves. Explanation of procedures/timeline by Joy Herrington, Parliamentarian regarding voting procedures. There is a petition period where club members, with signatures of at least 5 members, may petition the board to add candidates to the slate. This must be submitted to the Nominating Committee before October 24th. Voting starting Oct. 25th. It will be online due to the cancellation of the Fossil Fair and Covid restrictions. Instructions on how to vote will be emailed to the membership. Mike reported that it will be similar to previous electronic voting, and will likely close 1-2 days before the November meeting to allow time for counting votes.

Thanks were given to the Nominating Committee for their work in preparing the slate.

Sorry, no Door Prize Drawings! Meeting Adjournment at 3:26 pm

***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!