North Carolina Fossil Club

Board Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2024

Submitted by Diane Willis, Secretary

Members Present: Terry Denny, Ramona Krailler, Linda McCall, David Sanderson, Diane Willis, Mike Bruff, Eric Sadorf, Emily Bruff Simpson, Pam Causey, Jim Tunney, Trish Kohler, James Mickle, Judy Witowski-Argentine, Don Rideout, Travis Seymour **Others:** Joy Herrington (Parliamentarian), Tony Shaver (Outreach)

Welcome: Terry opened the meeting at ~3:08pm via Zoom.

I. Minutes: Diane skimmed the 2024-1-14 Board meeting minutes. Approval was unanimous.
II. Quarry Procedures for Field Trips: Field Trip Coordinator Linda McCall sent a detailed email to the Board dated February 12, 2024 announcing limited access into five Martin Marietta (MM) quarries along with a proposed set of rules from MM and our club for participants to follow, and stating the need for agreement on how to select trip participants. This email was the basis of our discussion. (The five quarries are Castle Hayne, Onslow, Belgrade, Fountain, and Clarks.)

A. Terry started us off and Linda led the discussion on how to decide who gets selected for the 20 slots for each quarry trip: lottery. (Note: A particular quarry may decide on a smaller maximum number of participants.)
It was generally agreed that Board members and members who have done something for the club (outreach, volunteer jobs, committee work, etc., in the last 12 months(?) – Ramona) should get priority. Don gave some ground rules: limit of 1 trip/person into a particular quarry in a year (out of 2 trips offered by MM/year/each of the 5 quarries.) So there are 10 trips/year. Mike gave the current membership at 110. In answer to a question about having a "two-slot family," Mike said we could do that, but there would have to be a good definition of "Household" with respect to quarry trips. I.e. Two adults in the same household can be a family, but if there's an 18 yr old, e.g., that person would have to have a separate membership (?). If they didn't drive and needed to go with another adult, (or if there are other similar situations in which 2 people would need to go together), how could we work that? (Diane had a particular interest in this issue.)

   Linda pointed out that each trip will have two trip leaders (out of the 4 listed in the 2/12/24 email). Beyond those two slots, for the <u>first trip</u> of the year 18 slots can be divided up as follows: 4 for Board members (the rest of the number that signed up would go into the general membership pool), 5 for outreach/volunteers/etc. (the rest who signed up would go into the pool), and the remaining 9 would be drawn from the general membership pool. For the <u>second trip</u> of the year, the 18 from the first trip could be put aside until it's determined that there are enough signups without them.
   In answer to Diane's question about what time each trip starts and ends the answer for Belgrade and Onslow was 8:00am – 3:30pm. Tony (Outreach) found about 38 or 39 member names who've done outreach in the last year. He posted the list in the Chat.

B. Rules – would need to be printed out and posted, and all participants should sign them. They could be published in *Janus* and put on the website.
C. Cars – Only 5 high-clearance vehicles will be allowed into the quarry, each carrying as many as 4 participants. Linda said the trip leaders will pick each of theirs plus 3 others. To Judy's suggestion of renting a van, the reactions were: too expensive; rental companies wouldn't like their vehicles going into a quarry! All vehicles must be wheel-chocked and the parking brake set. Trip leaders will carry the chocks bought by the club. Don found 20 sets of chocks (2 sets/vehicle for 5 vehicles, with 10 for each of two trip leaders) at $600. He will look for cheaper ones.
D. MOTIONS: Linda made 3:

MOTION: that the Board approve purchase of 20 sets of wheel chocks. 2nd by Travis. VOTE: unanimous yes

MOTION: that the Board approve the new MM proposed trip rules as listed in the email dated Feb. 12, 2024 to be used only for the MM quarry trips. 2nd by Jim Tunney. VOTE: unanimous yes

MOTION: For the MM quarry trips only, determination of the 20 trip participants will be as follows: 2 slots for trip leaders, 4 slots for Board members (who signed up for the trip), 5 slots for outreach/volunteers/etc., 9 slots for the general membership pool that would include the residues from the drawings for Board and outreach/vol slots.
2nd by Don. VOTE: unanimous yes

A clarification was made to the definition of the group of non-Board club "do-ers": included would be Committee Chairs (what about committee members?), people who do reported outreach, volunteers and displayers at events. Ramona asked if Board members also did outreach, would they get another chance at being selected in that category as well? Ans: No.

Diane brought up the issue of bathroom access. Ans: There is none. Deal with it.

E. Other Clubs' access – Linda: We were the only club who worked to get re-instated quarry access, but now other clubs have asked. Quarries can let other clubs in, and one already asked. They also get to choose their own dates over which we have no control. Don has attempted to get meetings with the quarry managers, but to no avail yet, and they are all new except for one (Belgrade). (Danny is upper management now for Onslow and Belgrade.)

III. March meeting: Terry is hopeful she'll be there. Speakers will be Sean Moran and student Anna. Also, the NC Geological Survey will have 15 minutes after the speakers.

IV. Artwork request: Terry said the immediate request was resolved (see the Club email) so there's no need to discuss that today.

V. Fossil Fair 2024: We need venue suggestions. Diane will look up ideas from former times.

VI. Copyright: Joy praised Mike for the way he handled the artwork request (see IV above). She explained that John Timmerman holds the copyright for those two small books the club sells; therefore, only John's permission is required. However, the club holds the copyright for our 5 large volumes, so the procedure for permission to use anything from those would be different.

VII. Other – NC Fossil Festival at Aurora: Don reported that his scheduled meeting with Cindy Crane at the AFM had to be rescheduled to tomorrow. They already launched their website for the Fossil Festival. Email Don with suggestions. **Hospitality:** Ramona will continue to do hospitality at meetings until Victor can return. **Other:** Tony was interviewed by UNC student at Aurora.

Adjournment: 4:37pm