

North Carolina Fossil Club

July 21, 2024

Business Meeting Agenda

July 21, 2024 1:30 p.m. NCMNS 11 W. Jones St., Raleigh, NC

Level A Classroom This meeting will also be held virtually via Zoom

Welcome Members and Guests and Introduction of Speaker: Terry Denny

PROGRAM:

"Terror Birds: A Dinosaurian Legacy" Luis Torres, Jr., 2nd Year PhD Student at University of Florida, Invertebrate Paleontologist, Fla. Museum of Natural History

Break: A short social break will occur prior to the Business Meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING

Announcements:

Fossil Fair: The Board will meet soon to further discuss our 2024 Fossil Fair. We are considering several locations and are in process of discussing options with them. Our usual date of the first Saturday in November will likely be altered this year to accommodate other conferences occurring on or around that date. Look for information to come.

Nominating Committee: A big thank you to our three volunteers for our 2024 Nominating Committee- Ian Edgerly, Bill Howard, and Rufus Johnson. They have agreed to put together our slate of officers and directors for the Board for our Fall Elections. Look for emails from the committee soon with more information on this year's elections.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Minutes - Diane Willis- 05-19-2024 Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report – David Sanderson-the current balance is \$24,838.33.

Membership/Website – Mike Bruff

Books, etc. – Gary Lewis Our current book inventory: Vol 1 is down to 7 copies (we have only sold 1 this year and we sold 5 all of last year). Our Neogene and Cretaceous are getting low since we normally sell more than 100 copies per year. The Board is discussing reprints of these, as well as 2025 calendars.

Newsletter – Eric Sadorf- The next Janus will go out September 1st. Please have submissions in by August 25th

Grant Committee: Emily Simpson

Outreach – Tony Shaver

Completed Outreach:

5/25/24 - NCFC - Aurora Community Center – Aurora

The annual North Carolina Fossil Festival at Aurora. Members displayed their collections while others assisted with the fossil pits, memberships and book sales. A big thank you to everyone who participated!

(~1500 present including NCFC members and Smithsonian experts: **Don Rideout, Don Clemments, Eric Sadorf, Julie Niederkorn, Jim Mickle, Dan Peters, Jim Criswell, Lynn Criswell, Travis Seymour, Cheyenne Kimberlain, Manoa Daniel, Diane Willis, Jeannie Latterner, David Sanderson, Tony Shaver, Ramona Krailler, Darryl Grater, Mike Bruff, John Dubois, Will Krailler, Stephen Godfrey, Dave Bohaska, Bob Purdy**

New Outreach:

July 19th - YMCA of the Triangle - Clayton (Coleman Davis)

Looking for a NCFC member or two to talk to the children about Paleontology. (~150 kids)

July 30th - Perry Memorial Library - Henderson (Coleman Davis)

Looking for a short program on fossils with a display for a small group. (Up to 75 K-8 students)

August 24th – Dino Academy at the NC Museum of Life and Science - Durham (NCFC)

Members of the NCFC will be displaying their Mesozoic fossil collections for a large group of children and their families. Volunteers are much appreciated! (3195 participants last year)

September 8th - Cabarrus Brewing Parking Lot - 329 McGill Ave.NW, Concord (TBD)

The Rice Family is putting together a free community event where kids can dig for gems and fossils, and are looking for additional fossil displayers. (At least 80 confirmed participants, and currently over 2000 people that have expressed interest)

Field Trips- Linda McCall – Past trips: Fountain - May 31, Castle Hayne - June 7, Onslow - June 14, etc.; Fall trips

Old Business

New Business

**Meeting Adjournment at ____pm
Door Prize Drawings**

*****Next Meeting is September 15, 2024**

NC Museum of Natural Sciences

11 W. Jones St., Raleigh, NC

Speaker: TBA, Topic TBA

*****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.