

# **UMNA General Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, January 25 2024 10:00 am-12:30 pm**

**Hybrid Meeting: Duke World of Energy 7812 Rochester Hwy. Seneca, S.C.**

**UMNA Board Members present:** Carson Johnson, Dave Redden, Cindy Hekking, Pam Shucker, Kenny Brower

**UMNA Committee Chairs present:** Bill Hollingsworth, Cam and Tony McDade, Cindy Robinson

**Presidents Welcome:** Carson Johnson welcomed attending members and those joining via Zoom. Carson opened the meeting by informing the group that we would have our presentation and tour first, and our business meeting immediately following the tour.

**Program / Tour:** Cindy Hekking introduced the program presenters, Mikayla Kreuzberger and Jeffery Hekking. Mikayla presented a very informative powerpoint presentation. Jeffery, a Nuclear Engineer, gave us a tour of the Nuclear Power Control Simulator.

## **Presidents Announcements:**

- 1.** Sherrie and Dan Whitten presented the members with an upcoming volunteer opportunity. The Friends Of Jocassee will host the 11th Annual BellFest on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Devils Fork State Park from 10:00am to 3:00pm. UNMA members are invited to help with this event. The volunteer coordinators are Cam and Tony McDade. Sign up is also available through the UMNA website. Free admission to the park for volunteers.
- 2.** James Blake Retirement. A card was passed around for members to sign. Carson encouraged members to contact James, at some point, to show our appreciation for his many years of dedicated leadership. A successor has not been named at this time.
- 3.** Email Issues: Carson reported that most issues have been resolved. Be sure to check the Spam folder. Some emails may have been delivered to Spam.
- 5.** Meeting times and dates: UMNA General Meetings - 4th Thursday of every other month at 10:00am. The exception is the Annual meeting in November,

which is the 3rd Thursday to avoid Thanksgiving. Meeting months are January, March, May, July, September, and November.

### **Officer Reports:**

- 1. Secretary's Report:** Kenny Brower: Approval of November General Meeting Minutes. Motion to accept made by Betsy Lewis, second by Cindy Robinson. Approved unanimously by voice.
- 2. 1st VP/Programs:** Cindy Hekking , Future Programs
  - a. March; Susan Jordan with Friends Of Bald Rock
  - b. May; Melissa Fuentes who presented in November will present part 2
  - c. July; Jamie Van Clief, American Chestnut Foundation
  - d. September; Jordan Gray of Turtle Survival
  - e. Cindy asked the membership if it would like to meet in one location or move around to different meeting venues. A consensus of meeting at different venues was agreed upon.

**2nd VP/ Membership:** Carson for Seth Harrison; Dues need to be paid by March 31. Members who have not paid by March 31 will be moved to inactive status. 68 have not paid that were active last year. Seth plans to re-engage inactive members.

- 3. Treasurer's Report:** Dave Redden
  - a. Present Funds: \$ 15,907.53
  - b. Monthly Income: Dues \$185.00
  - c. Donation: \$ 500.00
  - d. Expenses:

Newsletter	\$72.96
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### **Committee Reports:**

- 1. Bald Rock Project:** Bill Hollingsworth; No work in January because of weather. SCDNR and Clemson are preparing a work plan to ensure rock patina is not harmed in the cleaning process. A new access point to Bald Rock is in the planning with DOT. Friends Of Bald Rock Annual meeting

with Susan Jordan is scheduled for April 20th at Herring Hall on Furman campus.

**2. Newsletter:** Laura Godfrey; The deadline for the February newsletter is January 31st. All articles must be in by the deadline.

**3. Alternate Activities: Cam and Tony McDade**

- a. February 15th; Hike to Rainbow Falls in Jones Gap State Park.
- b. April 4th; Geology Hike with Bill Ranson. A 3 hour exploration of the Carrick Creek area of Table Rock State Park. 12-15 participants
- c. Saturday, April 20th; The Winns will host folks at their home near Jones Gap. This includes a hike along the Little Falls Trail
- d. June 27th; Hike to Yellow Branch Falls with Bobbie Wilhite. Meet at Bobbie's cabin
- e. Thursday, August 15th Lake Jocassee adventure
- f. October 26; Trip to Caesars Head Mountain Bridge area hosted by the Pilzers.

**Grants: Carol Walters for Polly Powell;** Help us spend our money. Carol urged members to think of organizations that may not know of our Grant program.

The Grant committee is working on some date changes that would be a benefit to the process.

**Historian: Danny Howard;** Nothing to report at this time

**Social Media: Manella Calhoun;** Nothing to report at this time

**Volunteer Coordinator: Cindy Robinson;**

The year-end report for 2023 is complete and there we had 83 members reporting their hours to the Clemson website this year. Of those 83, there are 46 who have earned an amethyst for their name badge.

As a group we reported : 1309 Advanced Training Hours and nearly 4000 Service hours. The members who earned an amethyst will be published in the upcoming newsletter. And I'd also like to mention the members who definitely went above and beyond in their efforts. If you are here today will ask you to please stand to be recognized

The following members have post more than 100 Service hours in the last calendar year:

Betsy Lewis, Dan Whitten, Imtiaz Haque, Jerry Harvey, Laura Godfrey, Bill Parker.

And Rusty Wilson contributed 278 hr!

The following members have taken more than 50 hours of Advanced Training:

Betsy Lewis, Bill Putman, Mary Taylor Haque

And Carson Johnson posted 115.5 hr of Advanced Tr.

I have to say they set a great example for us all.

The first report of 2024 is very short with only 8 members listed to date. I will encourage the membership to keep up-to-date on their data entries.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me @

Cindy Robinson

UMNA 2019 Vol. Coordinator

### **New Business:**

No new business

Carson adjourned the meeting