

**WILDLIFE REHABILITATORS OF NORTH CAROLINA
05 MARCH 2000
MINUTES OF MEETING - NORTH CAROLINA ZOO**

Attendees:

**Ansley, Mark
Bayne, Pamela
Chamberlain, Jean
Chamberlain, Robert
Darling, Cathi
Davis, Lessie
Engelmann, Linda
Engelmann, Mathias
Fischesser, Nina
Hager, Margaret
Hester, Maxie
Johnson, Carla
McMurray, Joan
Needham, Shirley
O'Neil, Toni
Schopler, Bobby
Tomlinson, Barbara

Tomlinson, Tomm

Wallen, Donna
Weiss, Ed
Weiss, Mary
Wilson, Susan**

Committee

**Communications
Membership
Communications, Bulk Mail
By-Laws, NWRA-at-large
Newsletter, Publications
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Communications, Bulk Mail*
Membership
Membership*
Will assist Lessie or Mathias

Communications*, Liaison with State
Agencies
SHOR (Suffering Husband of
Rehabilitator)

Hospitality
Hospitality
Hospitality*
By-Laws**

***Indicates Committee Chairperson
Absent - Mark Hufford, Board Member & By-Laws Chairperson
Kathy Riggin-Grooms, Board Member**

Announcements:

- Joan McMurray -** Please do not bring live animals to the zoo meeting. Help put room back together after meeting has adjourned. Try not to leave early.
- Mark Ansley -** Brought boxes of medical supplies to share with everyone.
- Dr. Bobby Schopler -** Animal Protection Society of Orange County puts on a Spring and Fall clinic aimed at beginning rehabilitators and assistance in obtaining correct permits. Contact him for more details.
- Nina Fischesser -** Ed and Mary Weiss are responsible for providing snacks and refreshments. As there is no budget set up for this, donations are encouraged and gratefully accepted.

New Business:

- Carla Johnson -** Sara Lee has some lapstops available for donation to non-profit groups. Shirley Needham to write letter to responsible contact at Sara Lee requesting WRNC be added to list.
- Dr. Bobby Schopler -** Would like to establish a state-wide database of animals brought in annually for rehabilitation. Submissions can be anonymous (if you wish) and information will be used for referrals. Since we have to maintain state and federal records anyway, this should not be an added burden and would provide valuable information to all rehabilitators in the state.
- Jean Chamberlain -** Will start work on a web site design and plan. Also need someone to design a WRNC logo.

Committee Reports:

- Communications:** **Barbara Tomlinson** brought state information handouts provided by Randy Wilson. Included NC State Guidelines for Rehabilitators (being sent out with state permits now), lists of Wildlife Resources Commission officers with telephone numbers and addresses, lists of others state personnel and officers that we might possibly work with.
- Bulk Mail:** **Carla Johnson** reported we mailed out 809 applications using Wake Forest U. Med. School's bulk mailing permit. Before we can obtain our own permit, legalities of our organization name needs to be taken care of. Our group's letter will now go out with new state permits.
- Newsletter:** **Mathias Engelmann** asked for assistance in providing articles and items of interest for the newsletters. Articles should be submitted approximately two (2) months before publishing of the newsletter in order to provide time to edit and get preapproval.
- Membership:** **Shirley Needham** advised that as of 3/5/00, we had 60 members. Since we had a much higher rate of response to our postcards, should we write letters to remind them to send in application? It was decided to put off doing that until after next newsletter. Group voted that a \$20.00 membership fee guaranteed one (1) vote only. Asked for clarification to make sure that everyone understands you do not have to be a rehabilitator to join WRNC. Also pointed out that you do not have to provide permits to become a member but do have to provide the proper permits in order to be listed as a referral resource in the WRNC directory.

By-Laws: **Lessie Davis (for Mark Hufford)** says we need old records in order to make sure our IRS non-profit status is o.k. Also need original Articles of Incorporation. Attorney has looked at preliminary draft of by-laws. Mark will try to provide draft before next meeting (attached). The NWRA can offer assistance by telephone or letter on specific problem areas in attempting to set up a state organization.

General Discussion: Barbara Tomlinson pointed out that when putting together a directory, we should list other permits such as Propagation, Salvage, Taxidermy, etc.

Group voted to invite Randy Wilson to next meeting (Barbara Tomlinson) to get a "comfort level" going between WRNC and state agencies. Put off inviting federal people until sometime next year (after elections?) to avoid the appearance of becoming a policing agency.

It was suggested that members living closer to the Zoo would be willing to provide overnight accommodations to members having to travel long distances for the meetings.

Question was raised regarding annual meeting. Current by-laws state it is only necessary to have one (1) annual meeting per year.

Next meeting set for October 15, 2000, at the North Carolina Zoo.

