

January 19, 2002 Board Meeting, Bobby Schopler's mother home

In attendance: Nina Fischesser, Bobby Schopler, Mathias Engelmann, Mark Ansley, Jean Chamberlain, Gail Houston, Ed Weiss

Absent: Carla Johnson, Elizabeth Hanrahan, Lessie Davis, Barbara Tomlinson

NWRA meeting is March 5-10th and will include a Wildlife Issues Forum. Bobby Schopler may want to go and a \$260.00 stipend was agreed upon to help defray the cost. If Bobby can't go, Nina Fischesser said that she would attend.

Nina Fischesser will contact people to join WRNC.

A motion was made that the President should include a letter in the newsletter. Everyone agreed.

Nina Fischesser suggests that a workshop or seminar be put together to "get us on the map". We will try to great a grant to sponsor the event so the fee would be small. She suggested holding the event in Boone at Appalachian State University so use of the facility is free. She also suggested holding it during the leaf season so people could use it as a mountain getaway. A veterinarian session should be offered so that vets can get continuing education credit.

Bobby Schopler reported that 650 rabies vector questionnaires were sent out and that only 214 have been returned so far. A second mailing is planned asking for people to send them in.

Minutes were submitted, looked over and approved.

General Meeting:

Melanie Piazza was added to the ballot of board nominees. Carla forgot to send the blank ballot sheets along so the Bio sheets were passed out and used to vote for new board members. Gail Houston asked to only run for a one-year term so Melanie Piazza was switched to a three-year term.

Nina thanked departing board members and had a gift for each one.

Members present were asked to fill out a Wildlife Rehab Issues Forum questionnaire.

A motion to vote on the nominations was made by Pamela Bayne and unanimously passed.

Committee reports:

Nine reported for Lessie: 501(c) 3 waiting on documents to be sent from the State.

Jean Chamberlain reported for Carla Johnson that the Directory had been sent out to the entire membership. Mark Ansley suggested adding board members and officers to the Directory. Joan McMurray suggested printing the Helpful Numbers on the back in reverse so that you don't have to turn the book upside down to read them.

Nina read leadership seminar information received from Elaine Thrune (WRNC).

Jean Chamberlain summarized that 200+ responses had been turned in and that another mailing was scheduled to be sent out. A question was asked about how do they know who do send the 2nd mailing to when the responses were confidential and it was reported that the 2nd mailing was being sent out to everyone.

Regional Reports:

Eastern: Mark Ansley reports that they have a need for workshops.

Central: Raleigh group wants to be changed to Central region rather than Eastern region. Gail Houston motioned to switch, motion passed.

Western:

Two training classes were held last year in which 4 new rehabbers were trained. Two-day training classes are being offered in February. Cost \$55.00. Mary & Ed Weiss were pictured in the local newspaper and then in other papers across the US. Also pictured in IWRC.

Cougar and kitten were spotted. People are trying to get pictures, record scream and get castings of footprints.

Dr. Lee Bolt warns about increased incidence of zoonotic diseases.

Ed Weiss would like a standard response to raccoon calls.

Mathias reports that he still needs stories and other articles for the newsletter. Next newsletter to go out in March with the deadline for submitting articles.

Jean Chamberlain talked about obtaining a website for the state. A motion was passed to find the cheapest host without ads.

Bobby Schopler encouraged everyone to submit their data for animal counts for last year.

Secretary will send a list of board members to Board.

Nina: Randy will include a brochure (to replace the current letter and application) to new rehabbers if association will produce them

Brochure Committee: Sandra Justus, Gail Houston, Melanie Piazza

Wildlife Workshop Committee: Joan McMurray, Nina Fischesser, Mathias Engelmann, Lee Bolt, Sherri Koester, Sandra Justus, *Jean Chamberlain*

Goals for 2002:

New Members Committee: Mark Ansley, Sherry Koester, Ed Weiss, Bobby Schopler, Mary Weiss

Treasure's report (included)

A motion was made by Dr. Lee Bolt that WRNC contribute \$100.00 to the state representative who goes to the Issues Conference.

Unanimously passed.

Board Meeting #2

Attended by: Lee Bolt, Bobby Schopler, Nina Fischesser, Mathias Englemann, Ed Weiss, Joan McMurray, Jean Chamberlain, Sherri Koester, Sandra Justus.

Not Attending: Carla Johnson, Gail Houston, Lessie Davis, Barbara Tomlinson

Lee Bolt motioned that the current set of officers stay on for the year 2002. Motion unanimously passed.