

#### 4/20/02 Board Meeting-Zoo Rehab Center

Attended by: Lee Bolt, Ed Weiss, Nina Fischesser, Sandra Justus, Joan McMurray, Jean Chamberlain, Carla Johnson, Gail Houston, Melanie Piazza

Absent: Lessie Davis, Barbara Tomlinson, Bobby Schopler, Sherri Koester

Minutes were reviewed and the only correction was to add Jean Chamberlain to the Wildlife Workshop Committee.

Treasurer reported that as of 3/31/02 we had 4, 137.34 in the bank (copy of report attached).

Per Lessie Davis (over the phone): our 501(c)3 paper were submitted the end of 2001 so we should be hearing back from them soon.

The Membership Directory was sent out to all members in September of 2001. A motion was made by Nina Fischesser to send out an updated director every two years, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joan McMurray and unanimously approved. It was also suggested by Joan McMurray that a separate page be sent out with the newsletter to insert into the directory with the new members listed on it instead of printing just a few in every newsletter. Unanimously approved. Corrections with still be printed in the newsletter.

Jean Chamberlain to speak with Randy Wilson's boss about WRNC having input into changing the regulations of wildlife rehabilitators. She's going to offer that WRNC will draft some kind of new regulations and see if Randy's boss is receptive to this. Carla Johnson to get regulations that the Virginia rehabilitators use. It was unanimously agreed upon by those present that North Carolina needs some kind of regulations for its rehabilitators. Nina Fischesser suggested that we put not only Randy Wilson but also his boss on our mailing list. Unanimously agreed upon.

Joan McMurray suggests that WRNC needs some kind of education committee to make sure that we are "all on the same page" when presenting information either in a classroom setting or to the public. Nina Fischesser suggests using the NWRA manual to model our educational material after instead of "reinventing the wheel." Education committee volunteers: Ed Weiss, Joan McMurray, Melanie Piazza, Carla Johnson, Lee Hunter.

No RVS report

Jean Chamberlain to email board members for class dates and times and place this info on the website.

## **Sectional Reports:**

### **East-**

Gail Houston reports that they are off to a slow season

### **West-**

Ed Weiss reports that he and Mary Weiss held training classes in Asheville and that 5 people had applied for their licenses. They are holding a Christmas party for rehabbers in November/December.

Lee Bolt reports that the Nature Center in Asheville recently held rehab classes for 30 people. Also reports that they have just recently had their first case of rabies in a "neighborhood dog."

Nina Fischesser reports that Basic rehab classes for Birds will be held the 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> of June at the Wildlife Care Institute of the Blue Ridge. Manual costs \$35.00. Class taught by Lessie Davis. Also reported that her center will host 6 interns this summer and that they have recently started hosting a Junior intern program for kids from the academically gifted classes at a local school. Internship lasts 1 week and costs \$500 per week. They host 2 kids per week and the kids are housed on sight with meals being provided by the center. They are looking into the possibility of these kids being able to receive high school credit in science for their participation in this program.

### **Central-**

Carla Johnson and Jean Chamberlain report that the Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation Course offered through Forsyth Technical Institute had just been completed and that 19 people had successfully completed this course and had applied for their permits. Next classes will be offered starting the beginning of September.

Melanie Piazza reports the a 6-week training class had recently been completed at Bobby Schoppler's center. Their annual "baby shower" netted \$680 in cash and a ton of supplies. The costume party dance was also a big success.

### **Conference Discussion:**

Joan McMurray needs to know possible dates to be able to get an answer from the zoo. The zoo should be able to provide 3 areas for holding classes.

Possible dates for conference: 11/2-11/3, 11/9-11/10, 11/16-11/17

Lee Bolt suggests holding a barbeque/grilling out on Saturday night. Joan to look into whether the zoo will allow this since everything food related is supposed to go through Marriott.

Flyer will be sent out to every licensed rehabilitator.

Possibility of veterinarian CEU credits was brought up and then it was decided that we would not offer classes for veterinarians this time since this was our first attempt at a conference.

Possible classes for conference:

Gardening for Wildlife- Joan checking on someone from Asheboro  
Environmental issues – Sandra Justus  
Chimney swifts – Shirley Needham (have to ask her 1<sup>st</sup>)  
Zoo vet  
Cage building  
Zoonoses by Bobby Schoppler (have to ask him 1<sup>st</sup>) or Lee Bolt

October was decided upon for the date for outline submittals

Lessie Davis was asked to coordinate the program and she agreed (Nina called her on the phone). Sandra Justus and Jean Chamberlain to also work with Lessie Davis.

Cost of conference was decided at \$60.00 plus food. Joan McMurray to look into lodging in Asheboro.

Gail Houston to design the application for the conference.

Lunch Break @ 12:30 p.m.

No one but Tony Houston and Mary Weiss were present for the General meeting so we continued with the Board meeting.

Sandra Justus passed out the WRNC brochure and asked for final corrections. Corrections were suggested and she is checking on the prices for printing the brochure in color.

Nina Fischesser to write an article on the meetings that she has been attending for the next newsletter.

Ed and Mary Weiss have a new email address now: [weiss275@cs.com](mailto:weiss275@cs.com)