

Wildlife Rehabilitators of North Carolina
Board of Directors Meeting
February 15, 2003
Minutes

Meeting location: The Carolina Raptor Center

Meeting called to order at 11:15

Present: Linda Bergman (on line)	Carla Johnson
Lee Bolt (on line)	Joan McMurray
Jean Chamberlain	Bobby Schopler (on line)
Mathias Engleman	Ed Weiss
Nina Fischesser (on line)	Mary Weiss
Gayle Houston (on line)	Jason Wood (on line)
Absent: Lessi Davis	
Sherri Koester	

Jean read a letter of congratulations on the success of the 1st annual WRNC symposium from outgoing present Nina Fischesser.

Jean reviewed the financial status following the program. Final figures could not be determined until decisions are made regarding reimbursing for expenses incurred related to the symposium and the replacement of the zoo's projector.

The members voted unanimously to reimburse Carla and to replace the projector.

The board discussed the results of the symposium evaluations which were overwhelmingly positive:

Most helpful topics were those on care of specific species.

Least helpful was parasitology.

Additional features desired were field trips, reserved block of hotel rooms, a raffle, increased hands on sessions, refreshments, longer breaks between sessions, keynote speaker, banquet, and increased availability of tours of the rehab center.

Problem areas were lack of time for networking, too little time between sessions, use of concurrent programs prevented attendees from participating in all programs of interest to them, and lack of handouts.

A question was brought up regarding vendors at the symposium and fees for vendors. Issues were whether to allow commercial vendors or limit vendors to non-profit organizations and whether to charge vendors. A motion was made that we invite commercial vendors and charge them \$25 per table, non-profits would not be charged. The motion was seconded and passed.

The issue of refunds of the registration fee for the symposium and time limits for them issuing them was brought up. After some discussion a motion was made to offer full refunds up to two weeks prior to the symposium, a full refund less \$20 for administrative costs up to one week and no refund less than one week prior except for medical emergencies and then \$20 will be retained to cover administrative. The motion was seconded and passed.

The issue of liability regarding the use of live animals was discussed. A motion was made to use live animals only for demonstration and carcasses for any hands on work. The motion was seconded and passed.

Regional meetings were discussed. It was felt that they were useful and that they would be continued. One meeting in each region with an educational component would be held within the year. Coordinators for these meetings would be:

Mountains –Mary and Ed
Central Carla and Jean
Coast – asking for volunteer.

Postscript - Subsequent to the meeting Gayle Houston volunteered to coordinate meeting at the coast.

With votes taken regarding use of live animals at the symposium, refunds and vendors, a symposium committee was formed and charged with planning the next symposium which will be held at the zoo on Jan. 30, Feb 1 with an ice breaker and key note speaker on the evening of Jan 30. Volunteering to be on the committee were:

Jean and Bob Chamberlain
Mathias Englemann
Carla Johnson
Joan McMurray
Ed and Mary Weiss

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45PM

Respectfully submitted
Joan McMurray
Secretary, WRNC