

Wildlife Rehabilitators of North Carolina
Board of Directors Meeting
November 30, 2003
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 3:05 PM

Present: Linda Bergman; Lee Bolt, DVM; Jean Chamberlain; Lessie Davis; Nina Fischesser; Carla Johnson; Joan McMurray
Absent Mathias Englemann; Gayle Houston; Sherri Koester; Bobby Schopler; Mary Weiss; Jason Wood

Treasurer's report \$10, 617.10
353.46 in checking
10, 263.64 in Cash Investment Account

Nominations for 2004 officers.

Discussion centered on whether to have a nominating committee and/or take nominations from the floor at the general meeting and the method of holding elections. Lessie noted that we needed at least two nominees to replace the two not running. Carla agreed

It was agreed that we needed a nominating committee but should also accept nominations from the floor at the general membership meeting and that elections should be held by ballot included in the next newsletter.

Joan suggested that there should be more candidates than there will be open slots to allow a choice of candidates. Nina agreed.

No motion was made regarding the number to be nominated and no vote taken. Jean called for volunteers for the nominating committee. No one responded.

Letterhead

A request had been made, by a donor, for an acknowledgement of his gift. It was agreed that this was appropriate. During the discussion the format of the letterhead came up. It was suggested that our letterhead should have our logo, centered, at the top with a return address under it.

Having a return address printed was questioned since officers and responsibilities change frequently. It was suggested that the letterhead be printed with only the logo and mission statement and the appropriate return address be included as each letter is printed to allow for changes. Carla offered to continue handling mailings as the membership chair and thus allow the use of her mailing address.

A suggestion was made that we have our mission statement printed across the bottom of the page. The statement would read "WRNC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation whose mission is to share information and knowledge about wildlife rehabilitation for the benefit of native wildlife." Discussion ensued regarding the placement of the logo – centered at the top or offset to one side.

A motion was made to place the mission statement at the bottom of the page. It was seconded and passed.

Much discussion ensued regarding the address and placement of the logo. It was suggested that the issue be tabled until the board could see both versions under discussion. After further discussion Joan moved to accept the letterhead with the logo centered at the top, Carla's address centered beneath the logo and the mission statement across the bottom. Nina seconded the motion and it passed with one dissenting vote.

Power Point projector

Jean proposed purchasing a power point projector for use at the symposium and training classes around the state. Seven of the speakers at the first symposium used power point presentations. We will need one just for the refresher class in the upcoming symposium and another for speakers in concurrent work shops.

Jason had submitted a message in opposition to spending the amount of money necessary for such a purchase. Lee moved that we purchase a power point projector. Lessie seconded and it passed unanimously

Scholarship

At the spring board meeting we agreed to waive the registration and provide the housing for the symposium to a 'scholarship' winner(s). Discussion at this meeting revolved around how many scholarships to offer. Items of concern were – funds on hand after purchase of the power point and expenses for the upcoming symposium; cost per person receiving the scholarship; the need to save some monies for unexpected expenses; and selection of winners

A question was raised as to whether the recipient would be a student or someone in financial need. The consensus was that the recipient be someone in financial need. The selection process will be determined by the symposium committee and presented to the board for a vote. Joan suggested that after expenses of the conference and power point we spend up to 1/3 of the cash on hand and award scholarships to as many people as that would cover. Carla agreed. Carla moved to waive the registration fee and provide housing for two individuals, in one room if possible. Nina seconded.

Lee had to sign off to attend another meeting.

Jean asked for photos of the board members and that board members not already committed to speaking at the conference or being room monitors contact her for ways in which they might help.

Joan moved that since we no longer had a quorum we adjourn. Jean noted that Carla was no longer available and suggested that we adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

Joan McMurray