

**Agenda for WRNC Board Meeting with minutes**

**Sunday 11:00 am**

**February 26, 2006**

**Attendance: All members present except Bobby Schopler (excused).**

**Current board members: Linda Bergman, Toni O’Neil, Beth Knapp-Tyner, Sally Davis, Jean Chamberlain, Carla Johnson, Mathias Engelmann, Elizabeth Hanrahan, Jennifer Gordon, Bobby Schopler, and Mary Weiss**

**Notes: Minutes from meeting are in bold. Non-bold is agenda and pre-meeting information.**

**Old Business**

<p>1.</p>	<p>Membership  a. Ways to attract new members  b. Ways to retain members  c. Ways to get previous members to return</p>	<p>Action – status of Poster and Letter development for Veterinarians (Bobby)  <b>Update – 3 items in progress: a letter, poster or brochure for general public, and a special section on the website</b>  <b>Dr. Powers is trying to get a hold of veterinary mailing list. End of March target for mailing letter.</b>  <b>Jean sent out membership renewal notices to everyone who was not registered currently, but there may have been a couple of overlaps as there was a phone call from a current member.</b></p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Cage Grants, Re: Marti Brinson (Toni)  Update (and possible vote)</p>	<p>Was this answered? A USDA/Aphis class C exhibitors license is required for mammals used in education programs. If we are providing a grant for caging that will house both rehab and ed animals, I would like to know that she holds all necessary permits/licenses. (Beth)  <b>Beaver trap issue publicity mess was not related to our applicant. She was unfortunately linked with it due to her known work with beavers.</b>  <b>Regarding the more information sent out by Beth?</b>  <b>Licensing for private NR licenses is up to date and the above USDA requirement, as apparently you are not allowed to receive payment or donations when using these animals for education programs. Taking an animal to a school is not display? Marti does not collect money for this. Dr. Brinkley, USDA contact was the confirming party on this.</b>  <b>One cage grant still available for this year. Do we want to offer cage grants in the June newsletter? We did three last year and one this year. June announcement in newsletter to get people applying earlier with picture of what Marti did, March recipient announcement – Marti...</b>  <b>Vote taken: Marti Brinson to get cage grant.</b></p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Policy Letter for Advertising in Newsletter (when requested by those organizations who donate to symposium)</p>	<p>Action: Policy Letter draft for advertising (Linda)  <b>Draft emailed to Board Members – 23Feb06</b>  <b>This is an internal policy document. Otherwise fine but add a statement regarding donation amount to dictate advertising options.</b></p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Sending someone to NCVCC 2006 – promote and find interest in attending. (Sally) Present more information:   The Q’s listed below and at right were</p>	<p><b>Q. What is involved with setting up CE for veterinarians and veterinary technicians in NC?</b>  <b>A. WE CAN RUN PROGRAMS THROUGH OUR OFFICE AND THEY AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY FOR CE. WE DO HAVE SOME COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RUNNING</b></p>

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<p>addressed to Samantha Hartford. She runs the CE program at the CVM and is involved with NCVC as well. Apparently she discussed the NCVC points with Cheryl Hoggard last year at the conference too.</p> <p>Q. From your position of responsibility with CE at the veterinary school have you seen requests for veterinary or vet tech training on handling and treating wildlife?</p> <p>A. I HAVE NOT PERSONALLY HAD ANY VETS OR TECHS ASK FOR SUCH TRAINING. AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY FOR CE. WE DO HAVE SOME COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RUNNING PROGRAMS, BUT IT IS LESS THAN NCVC. USUALLY A PERCENTAGE OF GROSS REVENUE.</p>	<p>PROGRAMS, BUT IT IS LESS THAN NCVC. USUALLY A PERCENTAGE OF GROSS REVENUE.</p> <p>Q. Would the vet school be interested in sponsoring CE focused on wildlife triage and veterinary care?</p> <p>A. POSSIBLY. WE WOULD NEED MORE INFORMATION AND SUGGESTED DATES.</p> <p>Q. Can a non-profit have a booth at NCVC and if so is it mixed in with the corporate exhibitions or in a different area? All I recall from attending my first year is that SCAVMA has tables to the side and the rest of the tables were on the exhibit floor. What is the cost structure for a non-profit to have a presence at NCVC? I have the allied meeting cost structure from Julie Packard, NCVC President, but the price points on that are a bit high for us. I can ask Julie for this other information if she is the appropriate person but I thought you might know too.</p> <p>A. AGAIN, THIS WOULD NEED TO GO THROUGH THE NCVC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THE REGULAR RATE FOR VENDORS IS \$800. THERE MAY BE A SPECIAL RATE FOR NON-PROFITS.</p> <p><b>Drop NCVC – too expensive</b>  <b>Further explore need for CE...speak with Laurel D. and consider exploring need for CE.</b>  <b>Consider an additional announcement regarding CE course if we mail a poster or brochures in the mail.</b>  <b>Use our members' feet to distribute stuff after next symposium to their veterinarians.</b></p>
<p>5. RVS status</p>	<p>Pending feedback from Bobby according to Jean.</p>

**New Business**

<p>1. Signs have gone up along Lake Erie that say: "Don't feed the birds bread." Thought it would be wonderful if WRNC could sponsor such a movement here. We could help birds and get our name out there so people know there are wildlife rehabilitators. (Submitted by Brenda Hiles)</p>	<p>Jennifer Gordon has a brochure regarding this topic that she hands out. She has also sent a letter to Sara Lee regarding their commercial where birds are fed bread, but received the standard form letter response. She believes most places would be supportive if we wanted to help raise public awareness but likely they lack budget and we don't have it either. Beth suggested that we advertise Jennifer's brochure to our membership, with a copy of it in the newsletter and she is willing to share it. Suggestion to put it on the website as well. A similar concept to what NRWA do whereby you can put your contact details on a pre-made brochure would be good. Another idea would be to approach IWRC to get a wider audience. Conditions like angel wing and mis-timed molting are linked with this. Jennifer will send the brochure around to the board to review.</p>
<p>2. <u>Proposal to appoint WRNC liaison to NC Wildlife Commission.</u></p> <p>Daron Barnes (State Rep) was presented with the idea of having a WRNC liaison . He was definitely interested.</p> <p>Daron Barnes relays: "We did a recent</p>	<p>Daron Barnes would act as our liaison to NC WRC. Beth and Jean proposed as liaisons from WRNC. Information would be delivered through newsletter updates or through discussion on the new WRNC yahoo group. A Frequently Asked Questions list could be maintained.</p>

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	<p>inquiry as to the number of active permitted wildlife rehabilitators in NC. The number the report generated was 657 and growing."</p> <p>Present idea, vote and if adopted Beth volunteers as WRNC contact.</p>	<p><b>Vote taken: Beth and Jean approved as our new liaisons for the wildlife commission. Put this in the newsletter with their contact details.</b></p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Committee Membership (changes)</u></b></p> <p><b>Emergency Disaster Fund</b> Beth, Linda, Mary &amp; (Jennie Ledbetter (non-board))</p> <p><b>Cont. Ed for Veterinary Professionals</b> (Mathias Englemann, Jean Chamberlain, Bobby Schopler, Jennifer Gordon, Laurel Degernes, Lauren Powers)</p> <p><b>Federal Permit for Birds</b> (Elizabeth, Toni, Jean, Jennifer G., Niemette Soli (non-board), Alicia)</p> <p><b>Symposium</b> (Jean, Beth, Carla, Toni, Elizabeth, Sally, Cathy Lillard, Alicia)</p> <p><b>Cage Grant</b> (Toni, Linda)</p>	<p><b>Refresher &amp; Basic Course Committee</b> (Jean, Elizabeth, Carla)</p> <p><b>RVS Rehab Committee</b> (Bobby, Jean, Carla, Beth)</p> <p><b>The updates made to the lists during meeting are shown.</b></p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p>Proposal to offer / provide scholarship or 'waive fee' for vet student membership. (\$15.00)</p>	<p>Q. Would that be for <b>all</b> NC vet students or just for Alicia's (Vet Stu Rep) committee position.</p> <p><b>Vote taken and passed to created one position – veterinary student representative with membership fee waiver. Alicia chosen for this position with tenure through end of third year when a replacement would be found for the official rep position.</b></p> <p>Q. What about a discount rate of \$5 for the rest of the vet students?</p> <p><b>Decided not to do this as the process for symposium participation works and is the main focus of veterinary students.</b></p> <p>Q. Will other students (from NCS or other colleges, even non vet types) expect or want the discount also? How can we or should we limit to NC State vet students?</p> <p><b>NA</b></p>

Post-meeting the newsletter advertising policy was refined and passed by email vote, 10-0, yes-no.