

## Board Minutes for Newsletter

The board met by conference call on Saturday, May 20, 2006. Discussion continued on the topic of membership, including ways to attract new members, retain existing members and encourage lapsed members to return. The discussion focused primarily on the activities of the continuing education for veterinary professionals committee. Work is under way on a letter to veterinarians that introduces them to WRNC and provides them with some key resources about wildlife rehabilitation, including tools to educate the public on this topic and guidance for interacting with their local wildlife rehabilitators. Outputs from this committee's work will include future information sections on the website and a poster or brochure to accompany the aforementioned letter. The committee seeks a person interested in design to help them out with their work. Interested people should contact Mathias Engelmann.

The Rabies Vector Species committee continues to prepare their communication plan for working with WRC commissioners on this complex subject. And there were a few changes to the composition of some other WRNC committees. Nina Fischesser and Vicki Fisk have joined the Federal Permit for Birds committee.

New Business included discussion about the need to provide the WRNC membership with clarification of the regulations concerning possession and education permits for wildlife. Beth Knapp-Tyner will seek a legal interpretation of the Class C license from the USDA for people who have education animals. The approach taken will be to draft our understanding and seek confirmation and correction on that template.

WRNC will be advertising our education opportunities on the WRC website. This is agreed to in principal and Jean Chamberlain is working out the details of the process for timely updates with WRC.

South Carolina is in the process of forming a state organization using WRNC as their model. WRNC welcomes this and looks forward to helping them out and promoting exchange between the two organizations. Future plans for South Carolina may include a symposium and as we did with Virginia this past year, there is the opportunity to exchange speakers resulting in a richer experience at each state's symposium.

Beth Knapp-Tyner, Treasurer, presented the financial report. The organization is in good financial standing with the raffle money supporting the cage grants, an emergency fund of \$2000 set aside for response to natural disasters and our education classes running at a less than expected deficit. DO WE WANT TO STATE THE BOTTOM LINE BALANCE?

Finally, the board agreed to set up a brochure section on the website, a place where information of use to our members for communicating with the public would be available for download and printing. The first contribution will be a brochure from Jennifer Gordon on the issue of feeding wild ducks. DO WE WANT TO NAME A PERSON AS CONTACT PERSON FOR PEOPLE WHO MAY HAVE A CONTRIBUTION TO THIS WEB SITE SECTION?

Your Secretary,  
Sally Davis