

**WRNC Board Meeting May 6th, 2007      10:00 AM**

Present: Elizabeth Hanrahan, Jean Chamberlain, Linda Bergman, Alicia Cawlfeld (for the second half), Jennifer Gordon, Mathias Engelmann, Mary Weiss, Toni O'Neil  
Absent: Carla Johnson, Janenie Ledbetter  
Excused: Beth Knapp-Tyner

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Brochure Development: Jennifer will send everyone the last edited version (which contains a few formatting changes) for final approval. Board decided 5,000 copies is reasonable number to have printed to use over several years, and will allow for better price break, which will be about \$1200.00. Motions made by Linda, seconded by Jennifer, and made by Mary, seconded by Jennifer resulted in unanimous votes.
  
2. RVS: Jean reported she is waiting to hear back from Debbie Ramsey for followup feedback on her calls progress to date, but thinks she may be overwhelmed and needs help completing the calls. Several board members volunteered to help finish making the calls. Jean will break list down by area and e-mail to them, with directions. Calls are basically: A) did they get the information? If not, a copy of the information will be mailed to them. B) if they got the information, did they respond and send back the postcard? If not, they are asked the reason they didn't.  
  
Laura Simon told Jean that WRNC was on the right track and was very complimentary about our efforts regarding this proposal. Laura suggested that the meeting with the NC WRC commissioners should be scheduled, but we really need to find out in advance who will be actually attending it. Jean will contact Daron Barnes and start trying to schedule.
  
3. T-Shirt Competition: no entries have been submitted to date. Wanda Burton has asked how many colors may be included in the design. Linda made the motion, seconded by Mathias, with unanimous votes that the design either be Black & White, or limited to 3 colors to keep down the cost involved in printing. Another reminder notice will be put in the upcoming newsletter about the design contest.
  
4. Cage Grant: only one complete application has been submitted to date. The references were verified for Mary Ellen Rogers. Mathias made the motion, seconded by Toni, and the vote was unanimous to award the grant of \$300.00 to her. An incomplete application was also submitted, but still needs the final required information to be sent in before it may be considered. Several board members offered to try and help the member complete her application form properly.
  
5. Accounting Report: Beth supplied the members with the copy of the financial record for the period of 5/2/06 through 5/1/07 prior to the meeting, but was not present to discuss it. The board approved the record and Elizabeth thanked Beth for her hard work and a job well done.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Web Page: Jean explained how members will update their own information from now on, as well as the training section, relieving some of the work from Carla. There is a new membership application form. Elizabeth made the motion, seconded by Mathias, and the vote was unanimous to accept the changes.
2. Federal Bird Permit: The Environmental Educators of NC will be contacted to see if they are willing to host the class at NC State in Raleigh, one of the target areas. Asheville was suggested as the western location. Due to weather considerations, the first class will be in September in the Asheville area, and the second class held in Raleigh in December. Beth and the Nature Center in Asheville will be contacted to see if they could help with the training class scheduling arrangements.
3. Membership: The web site will now help with keeping track of this with breakdowns about joining. Carla has some longevity information, but it is not straight-forward statistics, (as members join, lapse, and then renew again later on.)
4. Save on Conferences: the meetings can be recorded and listened to later on at the rate of 8.5 cents per minute. This will assist with corrections to the minutes, and possibly for members who were not able to attend the actual meeting. Jean made the motion, seconded by Toni, and the vote was unanimous to sign up for this feature for the next meeting.
5. Chimney Swift Towers: Linda has done some research on the 4 towers located in NC, and would like to see if WRNC could take this on as a project to help build more throughout the state, possibly handling this like awarding a grant. Discussion included: how to find land to build it on, finding a group to assume responsibility as well as actually building it, checking in to the liability issue, how much maintenance will be required once the tower is built, and possibility of a group adopting a tower. Linda will write up a proposal for the next meeting, for the creation of 4 towers next year.
6. NC Legislation: Several topics (TED's, OLF in Washington, and monofilament gill nets) are issues currently under discussion and up for votes in NC. Jennifer mentioned that there is a national group that monitors situations like these and issues alerts. She suggested WRNC get on their mailing list, so that she and Brenda could put this information in our newsletters as a series serving as an FYI to our members. Elizabeth also has some links and will provide that information to them.
7. There was no new business brought up.
8. The next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM, with the 23<sup>rd</sup> as an alternative date, after consultation with the absent members.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Minutes submitted by Toni O'Neil, Secretary on May 10, 2007

