

WRNC Board Meeting Minutes for September 16th, 2007 (10 AM – 11 AM)

Present: Elizabeth, Jean, Linda, Alicia, Jennifer, Mathias, Beth, Carla, and Toni

Absent (excused): Janine and Mary

1. Brochures: Mathias reported that some people have them already but that the rest need to get to Raleigh.
2. RVS: Jean reported that materials have been sent to Daron Barnes and WRC. He has let her know he received the material, but is still busy but will review it and provide feed back as soon as he can. In the meantime, Jean is working on a putting together an RVS Class.
3. Symposium T-Shirts: Linda reported that there is a winning graphic shirt design, but it needs to be slightly rearranged and resized for printing purposes. She will send letters to all the applicants and the winning artist and notify them of the board's selection. Beth made the motion, seconded by Linda, that the image be printed straight across the front of the t-shirt, rather than on a pocket which would be too small. Motion passed, nobody opposed. Beth made the motion that Linda go forward with actions to facilitate the resizing of the design with the artist (Wanda Burton), and then submit the finalized design to the rest of the board. Linda is looking into the colors available and printing costs and will report back by e-mail later on.
4. Training Classes – dates for the Asheville and Raleigh Federal Bird classes were given, and Beth was thanked for her help with the Asheville arrangements. Press releases have been written and will be sent to the media in October. Elizabeth has already mailed them to Asheville. Flyers will be mailed out, and e-mailed to all current members. The proposed Basic Mammal Rehab class for the Wilmington area has run into a problem looking for a location in that area and may have to be postponed.
5. Web Page Features: Jean reported that there will be a list indicating what articles are in each issue of the newsletter, and where to find them. This list will be available to the public in hopes of attracting interest and new members. Each current newsletter is available to be viewed by the public and members, and then is archived. Mathias made the motion, seconded by Alicia, that the archived newsletters are available to members only as a benefit of membership. Motion passed, nobody opposed.
6. Chimney Swift Towers: Linda reported that the application form has had minor changes made it in following suggestions from board members. Her proposal is broken down into different sections, each was discussed, and voted on separately.
 - A. Mathias made the motion, seconded by Jean that the Chimney Swift Grant be in the amount of \$300.00 and three per year may be awarded. This amount will cover the majority of the building expenses, but it will be the responsibility of the applicants to raise the remainder of the money required themselves. Motion passed, nobody opposed.

B. Mathias made the motion, seconded by Alicia, that the Board will decide the eligibility of the applicants, and monitor the locations, to ensure that the towers are built in different geographical areas.

C. The current authority regarding chimney swift towers is found in a book written by Paul and Georgean Kyles. These books will be ordered and available for sale at the symposium in January. Beth made the motion, seconded by Carla, that a copy of the book will be donated to the selected applicant along with the grant money. Motion passed, nobody opposed.

D. Once the tower is completely constructed, it needs to have a permanent brand (marker or plaque) placed on it that includes the information that it was erected by a particular organization, and that it was sponsored by WRNC. The specific wording will be decided upon at a later date, and e-mailed to the board for vote acceptance. The grant information, proposal, and application form will be put on our web site and we will see if it can be put on the Wildlife Resource Commission's (WRC's) web site also.

7. Symposium: Information will be sent to the entire board, and will be placed on the web site. The location has been changed to Raleigh, in the WRC's Education Building.

8. Official WRNC records will be scanned and appear in a separate section of the web site open to board members only. Jean will do this.

9. There will be no more teleconference board meetings this year because the minimum has been met. All other business will be handled through e-mails.

10. Cage Grant Committee: this was accidentally not discussed during the meeting, but handled through e-mails after the meeting. Toni and Linda indicated that all references were checked and excellent, and recommended that Jayne Ross receive the second cage grant of \$300.00 for 2007. E-mail votes were unanimously in favor of awarding the cage grant to Jayne Ross. Jayne will be notified. Jean will send her the grant money, and Brenda will be asked to include a notice in the next newsletter.

This board meeting teleconference was recorded. Unfortunately, at this time, we are unable to listen to the recording and transcribe it. The secretary apologizes for the skimpy notes, since she thought she would be able to listen to a replay of the meeting and fill in any missing details for the minutes.

Thank you,

Submitted by Toni O'Neil
October 8, 2007