

WRNC General Meeting
Saturday, January 26th, 2008

1. Beth Knapp-Tyner called the meeting to order as VP standing in during (President) Elizabeth Hanrahan's absence, and expressed her hope that everyone was enjoying the 6th Annual Symposium and banquet dinner.
2. Ballots were distributed, and a call for nominees from the floor prior to voting was made. There were no names presented, and the official ballot remained unchanged. The incumbents and new nominees were introduced to everyone. (See attached sheet with bio sketches and pictures of all 6 members running for the 2008 board.)
3. Brief Committee Reports were then given, and members were encouraged to join committees and offer their help.
 - a. Cage Grant – members were encouraged to apply.
 - b. Brochure – this was redone, and will be given to the Wildlife Resources Commission to go out to all new permittees.
 - c. Classes – both Basic and Avian training classes are available throughout the state to any area with a minimum of 12 people to attend.
 - d. Beth reminded everyone to complete the critique sheet and turn in, as this was a new venue this year, along with the new location. Constructive criticism, comments are needed to help make next year's symposium run smoother. If you have a negative comments, it would be helpful if an explanation is included, and a suggestion for improvement.
 - e. T-Shirt – the contest is completed, and had 7 entries. The Board voted to select Wanda Burton's winning design, and the shirts are now available for sale at a bargain price of \$12. No year was printed on them so that they would not become outdated.
 - f. Chimney Swift Towers – Linda Bergman explained the original proposal and application process, and reported there were 14 entries. She has checked all the references and everyone has cooperated with her in this.
 - g. Meeting with NCWRC – changes are coming that could affect rehabilitation; several board members met last fall with the WRC to share ideas from the rehabber's point of view.
 - h. Vet Students Liaison – Alicia Cawfield explained her role in this position. She also helps work with the Continuing Education for Veterinarians and Vet. Students Committee that is establishing a link on the WRNC web site for veterinarians regarding wildlife rehabilitation and how this would get information out to the vet. community. She also mentioned that 17 NCSU vet. students are helping with the labs during the symposium this year.
 - i. Newsletter – Brenda Hiles asked for articles and more ideas from the members. She indicated that there would be a new look to future newsletters since she would be using a new Mac computer. She also asked for volunteers to help with editing and rewording articles.
 - j. Symposium – Jean Chamberlain invited the members to join this committee by emailing her.

k. Rabies Vector Species (RVS) – Jean explained that the NCWRC directorship recently changed, and until a new director has formally taken over, the work from this committee is on hold.

4. Members were asked if they had any questions for the committees. Vicki Fisk said she felt the Board Members do a good job on the committees.

5. The election results were announced, and all 6 nominees running for the board were elected by majority vote. The current board looks forward to working with the new members.

6. A special “thank you” was given to Debbie Ramsey Boz for supplying the music for the banquet, and her role in making the arrangements for Starbucks to donate the coffee for the symposium.

7. Jennifer Gordon wanted a round of applause to go to the Symposium Committee for their amazing job in putting together this symposium. Mary and Ed Weiss were thanked for their manning the registration table and how well they handled it. Janeine and Ronnie Ledbetter were thanked for their participation and assistance as well. Toni was thanked for the raffle and medical supplies. Jennifer and her daughter Catie were thanked for their help during the symposium.

8. Mention was made that there was a Lost and Found box with items at the front desk now, and members were again encouraged to take the remaining medical supplies.

9. The General Meeting was adjourned, and the banquet continued with music and camaraderie.