

WRNC General Meeting Minutes Saturday, January 31st, 2009 during 7th Annual Symposium Banquet

1. Outgoing President Elizabeth Hanrahan thanked all the symposium participants, attendees, and speakers for their help, and hoped they were having a good time. She reminded everyone to turn in their evaluations because all the comments count and help improve the following symposiums.
2. A recap of some of the committees and activities that WRNC puts on throughout the year were mentioned:
 - Disaster Fund: to repair caging and help during recovery following a natural disaster
 - Newsletter: Editor, Brenda Hiles, was introduced. Newsletter comes out 4 times a year.
 - Cage Grants: two \$300 grants are available to members to help finance their cages or repairs.
 - Brochures: are available to members.
 - Training Classes: contact the board if you want either a Beginner or Federal Bird class for your area.
 - Symposium: an annual event, now in its 7th year.
 - Chimney Swift Tower Grants: three are available to build artificial chimneys and help provide habitats.
 - RVS: continuing to work toward this by working closely with the state (NCWRC)
3. A call was made from the floor for nominations for the board prior to the elections. Jean nominated Brenda Hiles and Carla nominated Ann Rogers. Elizabeth explained that due to two recent open positions on the board, members would be able to elect 6 new board members on the ballot. Votes counted by Dr. Lauren Powers and Toni indicated that all 6 nominees were voted in. The new members were welcomed to the board by Elizabeth. Current board members and the veterinary student liaisons were also introduced to the audience.
4. Dr. Degernes thanked Alicia Cawlfeld for her work this year as outgoing VSL. Alicia explained that she had accepted a position and would be moving to California upon graduation from NCSU Vet. School.
5. All members were invited to join a committee that interested them.
6. Two members from a Florida wildlife group thanked WRNC for their help in prepping for their own conference. They mentioned they will send WRNC information about this in their newsletter.
7. Elizabeth adjourned the meeting.
8. Deb Ramsey Boz, who provided the dinner music, took over and taught the audience how to perform the Cuban Shuffle, to the enjoyment of all.