

WRNC BOARD MEETING

11:45, Feb. 1, 2009

Present: Mary Weiss, Janenie Ledbetter; Beth Knapp-Tyner; Brenda Hiles; Elizabeth Hanrahan; Jennifer Gordon; Jean Chamberlain; Lauren Powers; Linda Bergman; Ann Rogers; Toni O'Neil; Carla Johnson; Laurel Degernes; Alicia Cawlfild; Austin Duncan; Toni Poston.

Old Business

Chimney Swift Towers: Three WRNC Chimney Swift Tower Grant applications were received this year. Linda Bergman contacted references for all three; Nina Fischesser, Ed Erkes and Krista Hansen, as well as gathered additional information before forwarding the applications to WRNC board members prior to the 2009 Symposium meeting. Linda recommended awarding each of the three applications with the \$300.00 WRNC Chimney Swift Tower grant as requested. All candidates are requesting the grant assistance for the right reasons. Nina Fischesser needs a tower to accommodate an existing Chimney Swift colony that will be returning to her area this Spring for breeding. Unfortunately, maintenance at Lees-McRea College capped the swifts 'chimney' habitat when updating a heating system. Ed Erkes is an avid wildlife enthusiast and photographer who owns land that is protected for wildlife. Krista Hansen's sheep farm and water sources offer a good location for a Chimney Swift tower. Their swift population has dwindled over the years due to the sealing off of chimneys. Linda presented a map showing the location of the three towers constructed in 2008 with WRNC grant assistance and the locations of the proposed towers.

Motion made by Carla Johnson to approve all three requests; seconded by Dr. Laurel Degernes; approved by unanimous vote.

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New Business

New laptop: Jean Chamberlain requested permission to buy a new laptop computer. The previous one, which was borrowed, died.

Motion made by Janenie Ledbetter; seconded by Beth Knapp-Tyner; approved by unanimous vote

New Board Members: Ann Rogers and Brenda Hiles were welcomed to the board.

Outgoing Student Liaison: Dr. Degernes thanked Alicia Cawlfild for serving as student liaison. Alicia will be leaving the board when she graduates in May. She's taking a job with the U.S. Army

Election of Officers

Beth Tyner-Knapp was voted president, replacing Elizabeth Hanrahan who had served her two-year limit.

Motion made by Janenie Ledbetter; seconded by Mary Weiss. Approved unanimously.

Jean Chamberlain was voted vice-president, replacing Beth.

Motion made by Beth; seconded by Janenie Ledbetter; approved unanimously.

Carla Johnson was elected treasurer, replacing Jean.
Motion made by Linda Bergman; seconded by Janenie; approved unanimously.

Brenda Hiles was elected secretary, replacing Toni O'Neil.
Motion made by Carla; seconded by Toni; approved unanimously.

Facilities for Symposium 2010: Dr. Degernes offered to look into the possibility of holding next year's symposium at the vet school on the N.C. State campus. WRNC is outgrowing the facilities of the Wildlife Resources Commission, and larger meeting rooms will be needed for next year.

Concerns were raised about providing security for vendor's tables at the college. There may be a problem with reserving college rooms for a Friday, in which case the board would consider reserving space at the Wildlife Resources Commission building for that day.

WRNC would need to reserve common spaces and cafeteria facilities at the school.

A Ramada Inn is near the school, as is the University Club as a possible banquet site. Dr. Degernes will temporarily be reserving vet school rooms for Jan 30-31, 2010. (Saturday and Sunday).

Supplies: Janenie is taking home and storing supplies that were on sale at the symposium.

T-Shirts: Another T-shirt design contest will be held this year, announced in the March issue of the newsletter. The deadline for designs was set for June 15, 2009. A \$100 prize will be offered. A design will be chosen over the summer. T-shirts with last year's design may be offered at a reduced rate at that time.

Vet-tech and vet classes: The overall response was positive though some problems arose over wording, leading to confusion about who is eligible for those classes and workshops.

Next meeting: Beth will send e-mail to set the next board meeting for the end of February.

Adjourned. Motion made by Mary Weiss; seconded by Janenie Ledbetter.