

Meeting: 10:30 a.m., Sunday, May 17, 2009

**Present:** Linda Bergman; Elizabeth Hanrahan; Brenda Hiles; Ann Rogers; Mary Weiss; Jean Chamberlain; Beth Knapp-Tyner; Toni O'Neil; Alicia Cawlfild (joined meeting at 10:52)

**Excused:** Janenie Ledbetter, Lauren Powers, Laurie Degernes

**Absent:** Carla Johnson, Jennifer Gordon

Agenda from March 17 meeting accepted (unanimous)

BOD Meeting minutes 3-1-09 accepted (unanimous)

**Old Business:**

**Nonprofit status/government forms:** Jean Chamberlain reported WRNC's IRS Form 8734 has been accepted and our status has been returned to public charity from foundation. A 990 form will have to be filed by September 15th.

Change of address with NC state has not been completed yet as Jean could not find respective form, but she is working on it. It was suggested by Beth that a formal letter on WRNC letterhead be submitted to cause change of address.

**PayPal account:** Jean Chamberlain set up a PayPal account for WRNC. We don't know if it's been used yet, will have to check with Carla.

**Cage Grant:** Linda Bergman reported on Pat Isaacs' application for a \$300 cage grant to refurbish existing cages. Pat Isaacs, a resident of South Carolina, is a WRNC member in good standing, meeting the eligibility requirement. Linda recommended approval based on application and referrals.

*Application approved unanimously, cage grant awarded.*

Because this was the only application, the remaining cage grant of \$300 will now be open to WRNC board members. If the grant is not awarded to a Board member, it will be carried over to next year.

**Chimney swift towers:** Linda Bergman reported all three towers are up and the board has received photos. Discussion was held about sending press releases to the media in those areas to publicize the towers and the plight of chimney swifts. It was agreed permission should be sought from the recipients of the tower grants before press releases are sent because of privacy concerns. Linda Bergman will contact recipients, and take appropriate action to follow through dependent on response from grant recipients.

Membership report: Brenda reported that there were a couple of responses to membership expiration notices that people had renewed already and thought there were about 10 renewals of lapsed members from notices. Since Carla was absent from the meeting, will have to check with her to see what overall response was.

**Laptop:** A new laptop has been purchased for slightly more than \$500, including tax, Jean Chamberlain reported.

**Symposium** – Report on the feasibility of the Continuing Education Unit at N.C. State handling the administrative end of organizing the symposium.

*Motion to approve the contract with CEU at N.C. State passed unanimously after discussion.*

The drawbacks of such an arrangement were discussed, including these items:  
The symposium might be in the red next year after paying CE to perform administrative tasks.  
WRNC could lose control of the event, with information appearing on N.C. State's Web site rather than our Web site.  
Perception by our membership that the symposium is geared toward veterinary students and other professionals.

Advantages include:

The department would take over the increasing number of tasks associated with organizing the symposium, including fliers, registration, name tags, and lunch arrangements.  
CE's input would enhance the symposium in the opinion of veterinarians, students and vet techs.

Members agreed our membership will not be treated differently from vet students and vet techs at the symposium.

It was agreed we want control over the look of the symposium web site, and we want members routed through our Web site. Jean Chamberlain is working with a representative of the college to work out concerns about the Web site.

Jean provided detailed lists about the tasks the college would perform and the duties that would be left to WRNC members. The fee for services will be 12% of the symposium fees (not including membership fees), or about \$1,000.

*Documents submitted by Jean are attached to the minutes.*

**T-Shirt design competition:** A notice of the competition will run in the newsletter again. No entries have been received. The deadline is June 15.

**RVS Rehab:** We're planning to move forward with efforts to gain permission to rehab rabies-vector species animals in the next few weeks

**Piedmont Wildlife Festival:** Jenessa Gjeltema and Toni Poston reported to Beth Knapp-Tyner that the May 2 event drew a small turnout but both student liaisons felt it was worthwhile.

This was Alicia Cawfield's last meeting. She's leaving tomorrow for California where she will serve as an Army vet. We all wish her well.

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.