

Meeting date: **Sunday, November 14, 2010**
10:00 a.m. Call to Order – by Linda Bergman

Time: **10:00 a.m.** Teleconference

Roll Call	<input type="checkbox"/> Linda Bergman (Pres)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jean Chamberlain (VP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Carla Johnson (Trea)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Toni O'Neil (Sec)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Knapp-Tyner	<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Trantham
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ann Rogers	<input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Hanrahan	<input type="checkbox"/> Leslie Martin
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mary Weiss	<input type="checkbox"/> Lauren Powers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Lillard
	<input type="checkbox"/> Laurie Degernes	<input type="checkbox"/> Toni Poston (VSL-ANR*)	<input type="checkbox"/> Halley Buckanoff
		<input type="checkbox"/> Liz Gettinger (VSL-ANR*)	

[P indicates Present for meeting; X indicates absent from meeting and Excused, ANR indicates attendance not required]

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

- **Symposium 2011 (28-30 Jan):** Jean: Most general sessions are planned out and posted on the web site. Laurie added that the advanced sessions are almost finalized. The committee is ahead of schedule time-wise for this time of year. Jean will soon be meeting with Dane to discuss registrations and get that process started.
- **Cage Grants:** Toni: 2010 WRNC Board Member Cage Grant awarded to Elizabeth Hanrahan, who indicated that the building materials have been received and the builder has guaranteed that the cage will be finished before December 30th. Elizabeth said she'd be sending in the invoice copy shortly. Toni reported that due to Bob Kiger's poor health, there has been a delay in the completion of the cage for Melissa Griffin, but it is expected to be done before the end of November. There have been no applications received yet for the 2011 cage grant.
- **Chimney Swift Tower Grants:** Linda said the application deadline is January 5th, 2011, and to remind anyone asking about the grants to get their paper work in as soon as possible. Although people in other states who inquired about the grant were furnished with information about how to build a tower, there has been little interest from people in NC at this time. Linda reminded everyone to try and help generate interest with people in our own state. In an update: Pamela Baynes' two towers have been finished, the plaques set in place, and pictures and invoices have been sent in.
- **Cont. Ed. Vets & Vet Students:** Jean reported that the committee is not active at this time. However, the vet students have been actively working on the Advanced Tracts symposium planning. Laurie suggested that this committee may need to be folded into the Symposium Committee since it is a component of the planning, and not function as a stand-alone committee. This change will be made in order to augment their efforts into one committee.
- **Emergency Disaster Fund:** Linda reported for Beth that there has not been a need for this committee to be currently active.
- **Ed. & Training Committee:** Jean reported that there had been a Basic Course given in Cleveland County in September, and that the class went very well. There has been an interest from this area in the past, and now by drawing in from several nearby towns, there finally were enough people registered to hold the class.
- **Membership / Membership Renewal:** Carla reported that memberships have still been dribbling in slowly, but nothing major happening for this time of year. The out-of-state growth has not really been significant from either SC or VA, even though our information was provided at other state conferences.
- **RVS Rehab:** Jean was disappointed that there were only 37 calls reported this year. Most calls were coming from the same two people, with just six others occasionally providing information. It was suggested that possibly the NC people may be hesitant to go on record and report their public contacts, especially if they have been providing care.
- **Newsletter:** Jean was happy to report that Nicki Dardinger has volunteered and will be starting to help out with the December newsletter. At this time there is still no new Editor.

- **Nominating Committee:** Toni reported that no names from the general public have been submitted after the announcement in the newsletter, and that only one board member has nominated someone as a possible new board member candidate so far. (During the meeting another name was suggested.) Board members were reminded to try and suggest one or two names for consideration; cold calls are not very productive, while referrals seem to be the most effective. The Nominating Committee will approach the people who were recommended to the committee, to see if an interest in serving on the board exists. Linda reminded everyone that the requirements for serving on the board are relatively simple (participate in quarterly meetings via teleconferences, serve on several committees, and attend the symposium). Post the August WRNC Board Meeting and during September 2010, via email, eleven board members voted in favor of adopting the “WRNC Board Candidacy Questionnaire” as written and dated 24Sept2010. No negative votes were received, and three board members did not vote. Halley had mentioned that Nicki Dardinger wants to participate on the Nominating Committee.
- **Treasurer’s Report:** Carla indicated that \$6605.20 remains in the bank after training course expenses, plus the money market account. This leaves us in good financial standing at the end of the year and prior to the symposium.
- **Raffle Committee:** Toni reported that Kathy has already been working on acquiring items for the raffle. As a starting point, they will soon be contacting everyone who donated items last year and ask them to do the same again for the next one. Major companies will be contacted, and everyone was reminded that any type of item would be acceptable for the raffle, as long as it is “nice and new”. Items do not necessarily have to be anything pertaining to rehabilitation or animal care. Local businesses respond better to local people asking them for donations, and Linda discovered last year that the businesses she approached were very receptive and liked to give once they were asked to do so. If anyone can send in information, the committee will do the follow-up work and contact the businesses directly themselves.
- **Address labels for brochures:** Carla indicated she is in the process of getting those made up for the brochures.
- **Other Old Business:** None at this time.

New Business:

- **VSL Application:** Information is back from Liz who recommended the applicant Adrienne Breaux. Following a short discussion, the board members voted, and all were in favor of making her the new Veterinary Student Liaison. She will be notified by Linda and officially welcomed to her new position. Laurie said she would follow up with her to touch base unofficially after Linda formally notifies her.
- **RVS:** Jean reported that Bobbie Schoppler will be arranging an appointment to meet with the NC State Health Director to approach him on that end (rather than the NC WRC) about the WRNC RVS proposal. Any other ideas or suggestions are welcome on how to progress with the proposal.
- **Piping Plovers:** Linda asked Elizabeth about the situation in Ocracoke Island regarding the closing of beaches there to protect the nests, and the reactions of the public to this decision. Elizabeth indicated that it is a hostile situation that has dated back eight years, and that the underlying issue is from the groups who vigorously oppose any type of beach driving restrictions for any reason. Some of the hostile attitudes carry over onto the wildlife rehabilitators working in the area. The same people apparently oppose protection for sea turtle nests also, and want to see all nesting sites for both species eliminated.
- **Call for other New Business:** None brought up at this time.
- **Next Meeting – January 2011 -- during Annual Symposium.** Linda reminded everyone that if anyone had concerns or has information to be shared, the board could be contacted anytime before the next meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 AM, with a final reminder from Laurie to “Think Sun!” for the symposium dates in January.

Toni O'Neil
November 28, 2010
3:45 PM
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Adjourn meeting