

Board Meeting Luncheon Minutes – Sunday, January 30th, 2011

Present: Linda Bergman, Jean Chamberlain, Carla Johnson, Toni O’Neil, Ann Rogers, Mary Weiss, Savannah Trantham, Leslie Martin, Kathy Lillard, Halley Buckanoff, Laurie Degernes, Linda Woodruff, Christina Hildreth, Dave Scott, Adrienne Breaux (VSL)

Absent: Nicki Dardinger (work conflict), and Liz Gettinger (VSL – ill)

Linda Bergman called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM and welcomed the newly elected Board Members and our new Vet School Liaison (VSL).

OLD BUSINESS/Committee Reports:

- 1) Symposium Committee: information will be available at the next meeting in February.
- 2) It was pointed out that there is no longer a separate committee for Cont. Ed. Vets & Vet Students, as this has been rolled over into the Symposium Committee.
- 3) Nominating Committee: Toni indicated that additional information is needed to be on the Board Candidate Questionnaire that was recently created. Contact information such as phone number and email address had been left off, and this made it difficult for the committee to follow up with the candidates. Linda B. made the motion to include this information, and it was seconded by Kathy. Unanimous votes ensured that the changes would be made for the next election process.
- 4) The Treasurer’s Report will be available at the next meeting in February so that it will be able to incorporate the figures from the symposium.
- 5) Raffle Committee: Toni had mentioned earlier by email that the Exhibitor Contract will be changed to include information about registering as “exhibitors only” (so they are not charged - but also are not eligible for free meals, and will get a different colored badge to indicate this status). They are also provided with the directions, details about how to get in and set up, loading dock location, and parking availability.
- 6) No other old business was presented at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) New Board Members: Linda B. mentioned that she appreciates the diversity in backgrounds and experiences that everyone contributes to make this such an effective board. Jean will provide all the new members with the link so they can access the board only section on the WRNC web site, as well as instructions on how to find the board information center, for such items as the By-Laws, etc.
- 2) Chimney Swift Tower Grants: the information from the three applicants had been emailed to everyone prior to the meeting. Linda B. distributed a map that showed the location of past towers, and where the new ones would be located. Voting to award three CST grants to the following applicants was unanimous: Larry W. Roope from Hays, NC; Calvin R. Warden from Hubert, NC; and Diana Refsland for the Sherwood Forest Audubon Cooperative in Brevard, NC.
- 3) Newsletter: Halley reported since Nicki was not present. She will email a proposed set of Guidelines to be reviewed by everyone prior to the next meeting, when they will be discussed. The purpose is to help ease the work flow and prevent the past time problems (articles being turned in late, causing the publishing schedule to be forced back). The guidelines will ensure that the quarterly schedule will be adhered to, with articles in on time and allowing the editing and proofing to take place without delays. Articles that are turned in late will be held until the next published newsletter. The Guidelines will also specify other details such as proper fonts, and the expectations for columns and features.

- 4) Officer Elections: The terms for Jean as VP and Carla as Treasurer were up this year – they both had served two years straight in those positions, and according to the By-Laws, those positions must pass on to other members. Toni has served for only one year as Secretary, and Linda Bergman has served as only one year as President. They have the option of continuing those positions for another year if the board agrees. Results were as follows:
Treasurer: Jean made the motion, seconded by Carla, to have Linda Woodruff become the new Treasurer;
Secretary: Linda Bergman made the motion, seconded by Kathy, to have Toni continue in this position;
Vice President: Laurie made the motion, seconded by Halley, to have Carla become the new Vice President;
President: Laurie made the motion, seconded by Carla, to have Linda Bergman continue in this position;
All votes were unanimous, and the new officers accepted their positions for the 2011 Board.
- 5) Adrienne asked about facilitating the flow of information between domestic rescue groups and wildlife rehabilitation groups, particularly sharing transporters contact information. A statewide rescue network would tie in with this idea, and should be checked to make sure that the transporters listed actually were available. David mentioned that the CRC already has this information on a database, which he could expand after it was updated. He will work on this before the next meeting and will show it to everyone at that time. It could include the different groups, rehabilitators, as well as the transporters. The WRNC web site group list will also be updated. Halley proposed creating a committee to handle this, which was seconded by Carla, and the motion to establish map/network/resources of transporters was voted on unanimously.
- 6) New board members were invited to join several committees of their choice. They would just have to indicate their interest to the Chair and ask to join. Halley thought that a short and simple email could be sent to all WRNC members in order to promote interest in them joining committees as well.
- 7) Linda B. explained that the next board meeting would be a Teleconference in February. She will email the date and time choices to everyone shortly so that the meeting can be scheduled.
- 8) The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Submitted by

Toni O'Neil

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