

**WRNC Board Meeting 2/26/12 - Teleconference**  
**10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Present:** Toni O'Neil (Pres.) Linda Woodruff (Treas.), Kathy Lillard (Sec.), Linda Bergman, Nicki Dardinger, Carla Johnson (VP), Laurie Degernes, Ann Rogers, Mary Weiss, Jean Chamberlain, Christina Hildreth, Leslie Martin

**Excused:** Savannah Trantham, Halley Buckanoff,

**Presence not required:** Adrienne Breaux (VSL), Amanda Malueg (VSL)

**Absent:** David Scott

The meeting was called to order by Toni O'Neil pres. who thanked everyone for joining the teleconference.

**Symposium 2012 report**

Carla, Jean and Toni all reported getting e-mails from participants stating what a good symposium we had and how much they enjoyed it.

Toni reported that an e-mail went to all board members on the live animal policy at the college and the symposium. It was recommended that this policy be posted on all WRNC literature, on the CE website, the symposium website, on the registration form, on the confirmation the participants receive, WRNC web site, on the exhibitors and vendors contract, upstairs at the check in table, on the loading dock door, and the front door. Toni asked if we could put it as a check box on the registration form, but Dr. Laurie Degernes said as long as it is on everything listed above we should be ok. Toni states she just doesn't want someone to claim they missed it. Dr. Laurie Degernes did stress having it on the front door.

Below is the policy:

The NCSU's College of Veterinary Medicine is governed by the policies of IACUC (Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee). IACUC is a self-regulating organization established for institutions that use laboratory animals for research or instructional purposes to oversee and evaluate all aspects of the institution's animal care and use to insure that animals are used responsibly. As part of this policy the CVM is required to obtain approval to have any live animals in the building. **WRNC approves of the college's effort to insure that animals are used responsibly and supports this policy.** Therefore, no live animals are allowed at our conference without prior approval.

**Animals are not allowed in the building**  
**DO NOT BRING ANY WILDLIFE TO THE CONFERENCE**

**The consequences of breaking these rules:**  
**Immediate expulsion from the symposium with no refund of monies paid.**

Toni explained the reason we have a board meeting on Sunday at lunch at the symposium is to get new board members and board positions in place after they have been elected the previous Sat. night. We have in the past had it late afternoon after clean up ( since we are responsible to make sure everything is clean and back in place) and people who had to travel to the western part of the state were getting home really late.

Nicki recommended that since we are all physically there we could have it Fri. night before the icebreaker from 6-7pm for planning, brain storming and talking things through. We will try to have it in the same room as the icebreaker is held.

There was discussion that we haven't had it before Sunday because newly elected board members wouldn't be there. Also the fact that people are arriving at different times and there is class, lab set ups, and raffle area set-ups that had to be completed, leaving little time.

Dr. Laurie Degernes stated that since our symposium is becoming more popular and we have worked out some of our issues (people not knowing where to go and having signs on doors) we are starting to have a bottleneck at the check-in tables. As a committee we need to see what can be done to avoid this. Toni said she heard a suggestion that some ask could they register on Friday night at the ice breaker to cut back on the Sat. morning crowd.

Carla said we did but we would need to get the name badges from Dane ahead of time to do this. Dr. Laurie Degernes said the secondary check-in was for the workshops, and that could also be done Fri. night. Jean said they did for the folks that attended the ice breaker.

Carla also stated that she attended a symposium in Tenn. and when checked in was given an envelope with everything in it and that went very smooth. She recommends that we try this. This envelope will have what they signed up for, name badge, and schedule. Jean states that the workshops could be an issue, Carla says for the folks who are not taking workshops they will be taken care of and out of the way. We will have tables set up to handle workshop issues. She said there could be a work shop list posted on the board where the board member info is posted. This way the participant is doing the looking up and not the board member.

It was recommended that participants bring a print out of what they registered for from home, but felt most would forget. Carla recommended if Dane could send her a CC of the confirmation of the participant's registration and what they have registered for she would have this info on hand to help sort issues out. This way he doesn't have to run off somewhere to go get a copy if it.

Dr. Laurie Degernes stated that she has been talking to Dane about getting all the financial stuff reconciled earlier and as far as he knows all the supplies and expenses are in; she is pushing him to get this in faster this year than in years past. Once he gets this information to Linda W. we can send him an invoice. Dr. Laurie Degernes said it looked like we would get more than \$8000 and this was a good year. Linda W. should get this information. Linda W. said she did get a lump sum total, but knew lab cost was to come out of this, so Dr. Laurie Degernes will ask him to break down these costs and line item out the \$5 lab cost. Carla also asked to break out the cost of lunch each day.

Carla reported that the participants liked Sat.'s lunch of sandwiches, salad, chips, etc. and did not like Sunday's pizza. There was plenty of pizza left. It was asked what was the cost of sandwiches vs. pizza and if we could just have the same lunch (sandwiches) both days. Dr. Laurie Degernes said since we were doing so well we should provide a better lunch. We will find out how many people are still there for Sunday lunch, order accordingly, and find out if the caterer would be able to do this.

It was discussed that the wet labs are in more demand than there is space for. It was recommended that we either repeat some of these or expand the class size. Songbird triage and mammal bandaging were two that were mentioned. Dr. Laurie Degernes said we need to look at how the mammal lab was taught; it may have left some folks feeling like they didn't have enough instruction. This is a pretty important lab and we need to provide appropriate level of training. We need to make sure we get a good instructor and plenty of people to help. Toni stated that labs are a high point for people and they want hands-on training. The more we have of this the happier the participants are and we draw even more people in. She commented on the folks that came from Missouri and are coming back next year. Dr. Laurie Degernes felt the way we have the breakdown of Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, General was better than Bird, Reptile, Mammal. She did hear a few comments that maybe one speaker talked over their heads and maybe another didn't give enough information, but overall everyone was pleased and we should keep it this way.

Toni said she heard that too, but felt that maybe the person was in the wrong class (they were more of a beginner and took an advanced class, or they were advanced and took a beginner class). They really didn't classify themselves correctly.

Dr. Laurie Degernes has booked the college for the same areas as this year, for the 2013 symposium January 25<sup>th</sup> Fri. afternoon, - Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Membership/Membership Renewal**

Carla reported that we have 128 paid members including board members. We have 105 members that have filled out the website forms and 23 that still have to do so. She has not sent out renewal requests yet. It was estimated that a little over 10% request not to be listed on the website. It appears that our membership numbers are up this year. It was brought up that **most** people become members when they register for the symposium, but that there are a few that only pay the registration fee and **not** the dues fee. Toni ask if this info sheet should be at the check in table so it could be filled out at the symposium, Jean stated no, that they need to fill it in on line themselves. This reduces work for Jean and Carla. Jean and Carla decline help from the board at this time in contacting people about their membership. They will let the board know if they need help in this matter.

Dr. Laurie Degernes ask if there was an incentive to become a WRNC member. She suggested making the symposium more expensive for non-members vs. members. Nicki and Dr. Leslie Martin agreed. Nicki said we need to make it very clear that members get a discounted rate and non-members pay a higher rate. Jean stated this is already the case. Dr. Leslie Martin recommended making the wet labs more expensive to non-members than members.

Dr. Laurie Degernes recommended the symposium cost be \$75 for members and \$85 for non-members. Nicki and Dr. Leslie Martin agreed. Dr. Leslie Martin also said that members could apply for a reduced conference fee, this is a way to help keep member's cost down.

Toni asked if student fees were \$40 and applied to all students and not just vet students. She was told it applied to all students. Carla recommended that the symposium committee discuss this further at a later time.

### **RVS Rehab**

Committee members for this are Carla J., Bobby S., and Jean C. They (the committee) will attempt to set up another meeting with the Health Department. The first meeting didn't work out. Dr. Leslie Martin commented that she had talked with Marilyn Haskil 1-2 years ago about the history of the RVS issues and the whole thing with the health dept. was they don't know the incubation time for all these species. Their concerns are for the rehabbers being exposed without knowing it, people who are helping the rehabbers, and releasing a rabid animal back out in the wild. Many other states consider it an idea that if you know who is doing the rehabilitation you can have some degree of surveillance rather than it being all underground. The state public health vets are Dr. Carl Williams, and Dr. Marylyn Haskil @ 919-733-3410. The committee will try to get in touch with them also.

### **RVS links from Dr. Leslie Martin**

The rabies link from NC DPH

<http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/cd/diseases/rabies.html>

Rabies control and prevention,

<http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/cd/rabies/control.html>

Veterinary Public health- multiple- rabies, salmonella, baby turtle sales etc.

<http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/cd/diseases/vph.html>

## **Meeting with Daron Barnes**

Carla states that he is supposed to provide an article for our newsletter regarding all the changes about new rules and regulations. This should cover new rehabbers being inspected and having to have cages built before getting a permit and is this equal for all counties, finding wildlife and fawn rehabilitators easier on the WRC web site, and criteria for renewal, and information about the USDA exhibitors class C permit for educational animals. Toni asked if a person is connected to a center and the center has big cages (like pre-release), does that fulfill the requirement for the individual person. It was decided that until we see what he writes we can't do anything. Once he submits his article a meeting will be set up in the near future with him about all the about mentioned. Carla will contact him Monday as his article is supposed to be in then for WRNC's newsletter.

## **Newsletter**

Nicki reported they have some items in but are looking for more "spot light" articles as they are missing some. She reminded us that all articles are due by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. They would be happy to include committee updates, and are always looking for additional help with the newsletter. Toni asked if she had everything she needed for the symposium write-up. Nicki said that she did.

**Treasures Report** Linda W. reported \$2919.00 was taken in at the symposium sales table; this includes \$1135.00 from the raffle. Our bank accounts are as follows

Checking \$10,511.00

CD \$10,550.00

Paypal \$233.00

## **Website committee**

Jean reported the website is coming along; it will just take time to get it all done. She has a list of what still has to be done and once this is complete it will not have to be done again.

**Chimney Swift Tower and Cage Grants** Linda and Toni discussed that there really were no applications this year from either board or general members. They asked if we should limit the grants to one per person or facility for the life of the program or be eligible again every 5 years.

Nicki recommended that we not put a limit on it. Instead it should read "preference will be given to someone who hasn't been awarded this grant before prior awardees." But anyone can apply and if you have been awarded one in the past we will look at how the money was spent and what they did with it.

Linda B. was concerned that since the requests are so low if a person applies this year and is awarded it, then next year the same person applies and receives it, then year 3 the same person applies and receives it, that the membership may not realize that that was the only application that came in. We would somehow need to let everyone know that this person is not receiving special consideration, but was the only one who applied.

Linda will rewrite guidelines on both the Chimney Swift Tower and Cage Grant to say you can apply more than once if you have received it before and will send it to board members.

**Facebook** Nicki reported for Halley that we have picked up a few people who have joined Facebook since the symposium. She will remind folks to join our Facebook page in the newsletter. Toni asked if we had anymore interaction on it by posting a question or case on it. Nicki did not have information at this time on this.

**Google Earth Transport map** Dr. David Scott was not present to give a report. We will get an update at our next meeting.

**By-Laws Revision Committee** (Linda B. and Carla) The by-laws were last revised June 2010.

Toni asked how attendance was stated in the by-laws. She requested that if a board member is going to be absent, that they contact her (the pres.) directly instead of just notifying another board member. This will let her know and eliminate the message not getting passed on from a third party. She also stated if someone has a true emergency and can't call prior to the meeting that they call as soon as possible immediately afterward, and it may possibly be counted as excused. The committee will discuss this.

### **Other New Business**

Nicki asked if we had Listserve in place, and it was discussed that Beth Knapp -Tyner had this going in the past. The interest really wasn't there and there was not enough activity and it died out. Nicki said she would put something in the newsletter and ask if anyone would be willing to be moderators if we tried to bring this back.

**Next Board Meeting will be in May** Toni will send out an e-mail for selecting dates closer to this time.

NOTE: Towards the end several members lost their connection and had to dial in again. The roll was called again to ensure everyone was back on. Toni as well as several others stated they had trouble calling in. They waited and heard music for quite some time so they dropped off and called back in. Toni said she would contact the company to see what happened about the calls being dropped. She would also check to see about changing the way everyone initially signs in (not having to wait and hear music, but being able to talk to each other while waiting for the meeting to begin.)