

**WRNC Board Meeting 9/22/12**  
**10:00a.m. – 10:47 a.m.**

**Present:** Toni O'Neil (Pres.) Linda Woodruff (Treas.) Kathy Lillard ( Sec.)  
Linda Bergman , Nicki Dardinger ,Carla Johnson (V.P.) ,Laurie Degrenes ,  
Ann Rogers , Christina Hildreth ,Leslie Martin, David Scott

**Excused:** Mary Weiss, Jean Chamberlain, Halley Buckanoff , Savannah Trantham.

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

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

**Symposium Committee:**

Laurie Degrenes reported Date for 2013 is Jan.25<sup>th</sup> evening thru Jan.27<sup>th</sup> afternoon; at the Vet school using the same lay out as in the past. We will publicize the "NO Live Animal" policy so everyone can see them unless you have prior permission.

The symposium fee will increase from \$75.00 to \$80.00 per person (members).It was motioned by Laurie D. to increase the registration fee by \$5.00 and seconded by Carla J. The motion was carried this is a 4% increase (about \$400.00) as the university is increasing their administrative cost to us. They had this in place last year but since it was not part of our contract we did not pay it last year, but have asked for us to pay the full cost this year.

They have discussed coming up with a system to capture incorrect or misleading information that is given out in the sessions and try to get the correct information to the participants before they leave. One option is using the moderator. This person would need to be familiar with the subject matter and could gently make the correction or present another alternative so as not to belittle the speaker while the class was in session. This person can't be a shrinking violet but should not be dominating. The committee has in the past picked moderators using board members, symposium committee members or people with knowledge of the material covered in the presentation and tried to put compatible personalities together.

They are discussing going back to the Brownstone, but going to a buffet instead of individual dinners.

They are still discussing Sunday lunch. They are looking at something to be less expensive than Sat lunch but better than pizza on Sunday.

**Membership/Membership Renewal:**

Carla had nothing to report at this time.

**RVS Rehab:**

Toni said she was wondering if it would spark an interest in the members if we sent out a survey asking " If RSV rehab was established and legal who would be interested in doing it and what species would they do?" Would they get the required shots, go to the required

classes, have the required caging, etc. Carla stated that this had already been done. It was sent to rehabbers, health dept., animal control (all counties) and got a poor response. Toni asks about putting it on Facebook, and the newsletter. She'll talk to Halley about this.

**Newsletter: Nicki Dardinger**

Toni will get with them about possibility putting a RVS survey in here. Nicki said to encourage members to keep submitting articles.

**Treasures Report: Linda Woodruff**

Linda discussed possibility changing teleconference companies. The new one would be free-but it would be a pay long distance call for members who don't have free long distance. She will e-mail us to see who would have to pay for this call. Our balance is a little over \$22,000.00.

**Website Committee:**

Halley asks if the WRNC website could have a link posted for the public to get rehabber info by county (this is on Wildlife Resource Commission). Jean said this should be no problem.

Cathy Burns ask if we could post the WRC link for what the rules for a licensed rehabber is. This also is not a problem.

Carla said Brenda Hiles has done posters for "what to do" and will ask her permission to post a link to access her posters.

Carla motioned that we post a link to where to find rehabbers and rules for a licensed rehabber. Toni seconded it. Motion carried.

Jean has been corresponding with a Millie Bowling, who is trying to set up a meeting with WRNC and WRC and others. Jean feels some of the information is good, some isn't and WRNC should steer clear of this situation and not get involved. It doesn't sound professional and could hurt WRNC's reputation. On Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> there is a meeting being held with a lot of different people and we were ask to go. Toni, Linda W., and Laurie all feel we should stay away from this and not get involved.

**Chimney Swift Tower and Cage Grants:**

Linda B. and Toni report no request for either at this time.

**Facebook:**

Leslie Martin asks if we could but the facebook symbol on our WRNC site. Nicki will ask Jean if she can do this.

List serves- Nicki said there was no interest from the members so there was no need to move forward on this.

**BY-Laws: Linda B.**

Linda B. sent out the changes in June by e-mail for us to see and vote on the revisions. Linda B. motioned the by-laws stand as revised, Laurie D. seconded it. Motion carried.

Linda will send a copy of the revised by-laws to the board members, one to Raliegh, and a hard copy to Kathy for the minutes.

**Training: Toni**

Toni sent a letter to USC Wilmington to Dr. Tagert asking if they would host a session for a weekend wildlife class. She hasn't heard anything back.

No other training noted for the rest of the year.

**Nominating Committee: Linda B.**

Four names have been submitted. Michelle Ray, Yanina Raznak, Michelle Richards, Sue Heritage. The committee will contact them and send out the questionnaire.

The following board members terms will expire as of 12/31/12. Jean Chamberlain, Kathy Lillard, Leslie Martin, Toni O'Neil, Savannah Trantham. All agree to be on the Jan. ballot except Leslie Martin and Savanna Trantham who have declined at this time.

**VSL: Laurie D.**

One application was received from Kelsey Blackburn. She is a 1<sup>st</sup> year student and has worked at a turtle hospital in South Florida. Laurie D. motioned that we approve her application and Toni seconded it. Motion was carried. Adrienne Breaux will be leaving at the end of the year. Laurie D. will notify her.

**New Business:**

There is none at this time.

**Next Board Meeting:**

**Will be at the 2013 Symposium.**

Meeting adorned at 10:47