

**WRNC Board Meeting 1/26/2014**  
**12:35PM - 1:10PM**

Present: Toni O'Neil (Pres.), Carla Johnson (VP), Ann Rogers (Sec), Jean Chamberlain (Treas), Linda Bergman, Christina Hildreth, Mathias Engelmann, Michelle Ray, Sue Heritage, Kathy Lillard, Elizabeth Hanrahan, Joni Gnyp, Kelsey Stover (VSL), Liz Hyde (VSL), Kelsey Blackburn (VSL)

Excused: Mary Weiss, Michelle Richards, Cathy Burns

Toni O'Neil called the meeting to order.

**Welcome**

- Toni welcomed the new board members. Jean will update the board email addresses and the names of board members on the web page. She will give them access to the Board section of the web page and include their addresses in the list serve. This may take a few days.
- The new members were told how our conference calls work for meetings that aren't held at the symposium.
- The election of officers was held. Each term of office is one year, and a Board member can hold that office for no more than two successive years.

Ann nominated Carla for president; seconded by Toni.

Toni nominated herself for vice president; seconded by Michelle Ray.

Carla nominated Ann for secretary; seconded by Linda B.

Liz nominated Jean for treasurer; seconded by Linda B.

The slate of officers was accepted unanimously.

**Symposium**

- The symposium will be thoroughly discussed at the board meeting in February.
- Carla suggested that if we cannot hold the symposium at the vet school, WRNC should invest in several lavalier microphones, since we cannot guarantee them to be offered at other sites. A decision on that was deferred until we find out where the next symposium will be held.
- Liz Hyde has a possible candidate from the vet school to act as another sponsor. She will check with the school to find out what professional level is a requirement for sponsorship. Carla will send a letter to the school which describes our symposium and which includes the mutual benefits and a list of duties.

Hopefully, some of these duties could be shared and not be the responsibility of just one person.

- Liz had a hard time finding student volunteers this year, mainly due to the travel distance for students who are in the midst of exams. She had some last-minute dropouts. It's better to have repeat assistants, since they know the lab setup. The free registration was an incentive.
- Jean mentioned that she had a harder time getting speakers since the meeting was held outside the vet school.
- If we do plan on having the symposium at the vet school next year, we must reserve the weekend very soon!
- It was agreed that we need some new classes, new hands-on labs, and some fresh speakers.

### **Newsletter**

- Michelle asked about the deadline date for the newsletter. It should be a few weeks before the publication date, and she can send reminders for articles.
- Linda B and Carla are both on the newsletter editing committee.
- This issue should have symposium pictures, along with acknowledgement of donors.
- Pictures of the symposium will be loaded onto a photo site, and we will have a link to them from the newsletter and the WRNC website.

### **Turtle shell supplies**

- Liz said that the person who makes the turtle shells for the repair lab is willing to make us our own set, if we will buy the supplies.
- Carla moved that we pay for the shells along with the needed tools and a storage box. Kathy seconded, and the motion passed.

### **Vet student rehabber connection**

- Liz said that most vet students don't know much about wildlife rehabilitation, and she would like to have a list of rehabbers and centers who would be willing to work with vet and pre-vet students as interns. Many vet students are free to be interns during their first and second summers.
- This would be a good newsletter article.

Toni adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Ann Rogers, secretary.