

WRNC Board Meeting 3/9/2014
9:00AM - 9:30AM

Present: Carla Johnson (President), Toni O'Neil (VP), Ann Rogers (Sec), Jean Chamberlain (Treas), Linda Bergman, Cathy Burns, Mathias Engelmann, Joni Gnyp, Sue Heritage, Kathy Lillard, Michelle Ray, Mary Weiss, Kelsey Stover (VSL)

Excused; Christina Hildreth, Elizabeth Hanrahan, Michelle Richards,

Carla called the meeting to order.

Symposium- Jean

The majority of the meeting was a discussion of the symposium. Jean had already sent the attendee evaluation results and the preliminary accounting report to the board members. Jean reported that the survey results showed that the symposium was well liked, and that the preliminary profit/loss results show that we will probably break even. The final report will be done by the end of April, which is the end of our fiscal year.

The Rocky Mount location was expensive, and we still hope to be able to find a free or cheaper location that is closer to the vet school, to make it more convenient to vet students and faculty. Jean and Carla have already checked locations, especially community colleges, in Wake/Orange/Durham counties and found none other that allows Sunday use. A community college in Sampson County was suggested, but that is even further for vet school students and faculty, and we would have the added expense of housing them.

Our letter to the vet school requesting a sponsor was sent about a week and a half ago. Kelsey and Liz will promote it on the school list serve and will talk to some prospective staff members. If there is a chance that we can find a sponsor, it needs to be soon so that we can reserve that weekend. The letter indicated that some of the duties that need to be done at the vet school can be handled by our board members: eg. Carla does the audio-visual support and Jean helps determine CE credit courses. For the time being, we must proceed as if we will not have use of the vet school.

The symposium is not intended to be a profit-making effort. The primary purpose of the symposium is to bring as much education to a many people as possible. The \$15 membership fees cover our grants and are not counted as symposium revenue. The \$1300+ raffle money was included in the profit/loss statement. We have a \$10K CD as back-up money that we have held for many years. Jean will send the year-end financial report and the final symposium statement to the board at the end of April.

It was agreed that we need new speakers since we have used the same ones for several years. Board members are asked to check with contacts that they know and make suggestions for new speakers. Some comments on evaluations said there were too many

bird sessions, but Jean has had a hard time finding speakers for mammal sessions. Carla will check with a new wildlife center in Virginia Beach for possible speakers. There are also some potential speakers from South Carolina and Florida, but we would have to house and feed them.

Committees

The list of committee members is on our website. Anyone is welcome to join a committee!

The symposium committee will soon begin discussions and will meet via email.

Newsletter – Michelle

She needs the president's letter from Carla and is also waiting for an article from Nina, which Linda will look into. She needs these by the end of the week.

T-shirts – Linda

The last t-shirt order was in June of 2012; 75 shirts were ordered for \$568.44. We pay \$7 for all sizes except \$8.50 for XXL and sell them for \$12. There are 46 shirts left, and only one in green, which seems to be a popular color. We sold 29 at this symposium.

There was not much interest in making a design change. Linda will send out some color choices to the board and take color suggestions by email.

Carla moved that we place another t-shirt order, and the motion was seconded by Mathias. The motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting - Carla will send out possible dates for the May meeting. It will be on a Saturday at 9:00am.

Board contact list – New board members should send their address and phone numbers to Ann for the new list.

Carla moved to adjourn the meeting: Linda seconded. Motion passed.

Carla adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Ann Rogers, secretary.