

**WRNC Board Meeting 11/15/2014**  
**9:00AM – 9:40AM**

**Present:** Carla Johnson (President), Toni O’Neil (VP), Ann Rogers (Sec), Jean Chamberlain (Treas), Cathy Burns, Mathias Engelmann, Joni Gnyp, Kathy Lillard, Michelle Ray, Mary Weiss, Elizabeth Hanrahan

**Excused;** Linda Bergman, Michelle Richards, Mary Weiss, Sue Heritage

Carla called the meeting to order.

**Symposium-** Jean

The symposium registration is set up on the website and is functioning. Board members need to register as “board members” so that the nametags can be made. There is a specific place to register for the banquet and icebreaker. These will be noted on the confirmation email sent to registrants, so hopefully, we won’t have confusion about it this year.

The icebreaker will be held in part of the banquet room at the hotel, and WRNC will provide the refreshment trays. The symposium committee or delegated members need to set this up.

**Cage Grants – Toni**

There are no applicants yet for the two grants. We need to put an announcement in the newsletter, and it should also be on the Facebook page. The grants can also be used for refurbishing existing cages. New cages must meet minimum standards; existing cages can meet grandfathered standards. Mathias is the new chairman of this committee. The application will be revised to reflect his work email address. Toni will still assist.

If there are no other applicants, board members can apply. The board will have a “heads-up” before the deadline. The application deadline is January 5.

**Nominating – Toni**

Terms are expiring for four board members: Linda Bergman, Carla Johnson, Mary Weiss, and Ann Rogers. All have agreed to re-run. The board is now full, so there will be four spots for re-election. Nominations for board positions will be posted in the next newsletter and on Facebook. Names should be submitted by December 20.

**Conference calling** – It was asked whether any board members would have to pay for long distance (non-800) calls, and no one attending the meeting answered in the affirmative. Jean made a motion that the members who were not in attendance should be polled, and if they do not have to pay for long distance, we can change to a different conference-calling system which does not charge for minutes used. Toni seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **Financial Report – Jean**

Our fiscal year ends on April 30 because of the symposium. As of that date, we had \$5344.75 in our checking account, but we were owed \$7088.49 from the Continuing Education Office for a total of \$12,433.24. We spent \$573.77 on t-shirts, which will be available at the symposium. We are ahead of last year by \$606.64. There may be differences this year since we are switching to a new hotel.

### **Questions from Halley Buckanoff**

Halley had submitted some questions to board members through email, and some of these were discussed.

She wanted to have more rehabbers encouraged to join WRNC. We can ask the Wildlife Resources Commission to send information about our organization's website to new rehabbers when they send permit information. We have no plans to print literature to be sent out.

Providing free hotels for speakers who come from a distance is already taken care of.

Our by-laws are on our website. Any proposed changes must be presented to the board.

Halley wanted to know if voting could be done by all members, and not just those at the symposium. This presents a logistical problem, since results need to be achieved before the meeting the next day. Absentee ballots have been tried in the past, but there's no way to know who has voted before the general meeting at the banquet. Carla moved to keep our current process, seconded by Ann. Motion passed.

The minutes of board meetings can be put online. In some cases, sensitive subjects can be removed before open to the public, and a "sanitized" version can be posted online.

The online membership listing does not reflect the entire membership. Members have the option of having their information made public.

### **Website –**

Mathias and Cathy had some trouble with submenus. Jean will check into these, but said there had been some server issues recently.

Elizabeth is not listed at all. Jean will check her privacy settings.

Mathias suggested having a place on the website for job/internship offerings. We could also have links to NWRA job announcements.

### **Newsletter -**

Michelle Ray's schedule will not allow her to continue producing the newsletter after the December issue. Sue will remain on the committee, but we need to find someone else with publishing experience. No other board members volunteered to take the job, so the opening will be announced in the newsletter and on Facebook.

### **State permits -**

Ann noted that the permit renewal letters have been mailed out, but the Wildlife Commission website doesn't seem ready to accept renewals yet using the link in the letter. This seems to happen often. There are still a lot of unknowns about the Wildlife Commission permit process, which is changing.

### **RVS -**

Daron Barnes will be at the symposium to present a session, so we will try and schedule a meeting on RVS with him while he is there. Michelle Ray will contact him to set something up.

### **Symposium help -**

Carla asked to be notified if any board members cannot be at the symposium, so we can schedule our duties. We should plan on arriving between 2:30 and 3:00 on Friday afternoon for setup. Carla will send out a list of tasks that we will need help with at the symposium, and hopefully we can recruit more help.

The next meeting will be on Sunday at the symposium.

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

Carla adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Ann Rogers, secretary.