

**WRNC Board Meeting 1/25/2015**  
**12:30PM - 1:30PM**

Present: Carla Johnson (President), Toni O'Neil (VP), Ann Rogers (Sec), Jean Chamberlain (Treas), Linda Bergman, Mathias Engelmann, Michelle Ray, Sue Heritage, Kathy Lillard, , Joni Gnyp, Cathy Burns, Savannah Trantham, Kelsey Stover (VSL), Liz Hyde (VSL), Crystal Schoellmann (VSL), Jamie Gerlach (VSL) Dr. Greg Lewbart, Dr. Diane Deresienski

Excused: Mary Weiss, Christina Hildreth, Elizabeth Hanrahan

Carla called the meeting to order.

**Welcome**

- Carla welcomed the new board members. Introductions were made all around. Dr. Lewbart was thanked profusely for acting as our faculty sponsor at the vet school.

**Symposium**

- Carla apologized for the poor quality of the speaker's presentation at the banquet. Some people were seen walking out in protest of the lack of professionalism in the practices of the speaker. Carla will contact Rescue Ranch and let them know of our concerns. Diane suggested we try and find help from a veterinarian for them. Kathy L. said she thought that Rescue Ranch's survival rate was similar to that of the speaker in the deer session, but there was discussion as to survival rate vs. release rate. Liz knows Krissie Newman of Rescue Ranch and has let her know that she will be hearing from WRNC about the situation. Carla will look into finding help for them.
- Everyone agreed that the banquet was pretty good, except for delays in replenishing serving bowls. They really tried, and the manager even started helping since he realized there was a problem. This was a bigger group than they are set up to handle, so extra tables were set up in the outer area where the food is usually set up. If we continue to grow like this, we will have to find another place to hold our banquet. Liz has done event planning for the vet school and will help with finding facilities for next year. The hotel accommodations seemed to be adequate.
- We were thrilled that Dr. Lewbart was happy with the symposium outcome and is willing to help us next year! (Hooray!) The dates for 2016 will be January 30-31, and he will check with the CE office to secure the dates. We are all reminded to keep as much load off Dr. Lewbart as possible so he will not become

overwhelmed. (He said his tip on baking powder to set super glue was worth it all!)

- Ann suggested that the nametags need to have the names printed in larger font. Liz can work with the CE office to see if this can be done.
- It was noted that attendees would like to have their names printed on their certificates, rather than just giving them a blank document. Those receiving CE credit do already have pre-printed names, and we'd like to have this for everyone.
- Ann suggested that we should provide lunch for the student volunteers, whose help we are very grateful for. They can be added to our lunch count if we tell Danielle in the CE office to do so. Liz said that it is much easier to recruit help from students when the symposium is held at the vet school, and she was even able to find replacements for students who came down with the flu. Ann moved that we include the students in our lunches, and Linda seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.
- The three ladies who did a great job with the icebreaker will be on the symposium committee for next year: Lou Mitchell, Kelley Odell, and Betty Holloway.
- We will discuss the symposium in more detail at our next meeting.

### **Election of Officers**

- Ann has held the office of secretary for two terms, so has to be replaced. Savannah Trantham was nominated for the office of secretary. Carla moved that with the addition of Savannah, we retain all others who had been in office for one year, and Kathy L. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- There is a large priority-mail box that holds all the paper records of WRNC, going back to its inception. All recent records are on a CD. Linda B. offered to keep the box of records in her home. Ann will give the current CD to Savannah.

### **Student Liaisons**

- Our three VSL's have phased out, and are being replaced by Crystal Schoellmann and Jamie Gerlach who are both first-year students. Welcome!

### **Cage Grants**

- Since there were no cage grant applicants from the general membership, the applications were opened to the board, and there were two applicants. Mathias will distribute the applications via email (from Jean and Toni).

### **Newsletter**

- We need a new newsletter editor. We ran out of time, so that will be discussed more at the next meeting. Sue will continue to work with the new editor, but we need someone with editing experience to be in charge of it.

### **Facebook**

- We need to have a better way to distribute our needs and information to our membership and community, and Facebook is probably the best method. Cathy Burns offered to manage our Facebook account. Carla moved that Cathy be assigned as our Facebook manager. Linda seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Carla will let Halley know that Cathy will now be in charge.

### **RVS**

- This will be discussed at our next meeting.

### **Dues**

- Board members were reminded to submit their membership dues. Since we were not charged for the symposium, we did not pay dues with that.

Carla adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Ann Rogers, outgoing secretary.