

## **WRNC Board Meeting**

**March 9, 2019**

The second meeting of the WRNC Board of Directors was held by phone conferencing March 9, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM by the President Carla Johnson. The following board members were in attendance: Carla Johnson (President), Linda Bergman-Althouse (Vice President), Cindy Bailey (Secretary), Jean Chamberlain (Treasurer), Ann Rogers, Elizabeth Chandler, Amber McNamara, Toni O'Neil, Amanda Falk, Paige Person, Melisse Hopping. Mathias Engelmann was excused from attending.

### **PROCEEDINGS**

The minutes of the January 27, 2019 Board of Directors meeting were submitted by Ann Rogers. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Toni O'Neal and seconded by Paige Person. The motion passed.

A treasurer's report was provided by Jean Chamberlain. The financial report was provisional because the Symposium's balance sheet has not been provided by NCSU. Jean provided the members with a preliminary finance report for the Symposium. She did report that as of the February bank statement, the checking account has \$17,959.54. The CD balance is: \$10,600.00. The Symposium netted (including the raffle) \$6005.64 (estimated). Because WRNC is a non-profit, Carla and Elizabeth discussed the need for goals using the profits for more outreach. Carla suggested reaching out for better instructors for the Symposium and other training endeavors.

The following committees provided updated reports:

Disaster (Linda): Because of the hurricanes NC experienced in 2018, Possumwood Acres and OWLS received \$1000 each to help rebuild structures that were damaged.

RVS (Jean): The Wildlife Commission (on February 22, 2019) approved proceeding with the public hearings in April. Depending on the input at these hearings, the proposed changes could be in place in 2020. The Wildlife Commission will assist in the necessary training needed across the state.

Website: (Jean) The Website will undergo a total overhaul beginning in April using Word Press. Jean needs volunteers to form a sub-committee to work on this project. The following members agreed to help: Ann Rogers, Carla Johnson, Linda Bergman-Althouse and Cindy Bailey.

Symposium 2020 (Carla): The dates for Symposium 2020 will be January 24 through 26. The Vet School has been reserved as the venue, the University Club and Cafeteria have been reserved. The hotel has agreed to discount rooms for the same rate as in 2019.

Membership Year (Jean) There has been previous discussions pertaining to changing the date for year end for WRNC. Currently, WRNC's year end is April 30. This impacts membership due dates, Symposium registration and other areas. Jean prepared a summary document and is going to review the document, make any changes needed and send the document to Cindy who will in turn, send it out to the members. Because this issue needs much more discussion, this will be discussed at a later time.

2019 Symposium Review (Carla and Jean) Jean summarized the evaluations that were filled out by the attendees at the Symposium. She provided this detailed report to all of the board members. She generally discussed the results. There were 91 participants. Fifty-one of the participants had attended earlier Symposiums; forty were first time attendees. The opinions of the food were good. The Ice Breaker food was voted as extremely good. There were suggestions for hot water for tea along with the coffee hospitality table. Also, there seemed to a shortage of vegetarian plates. This could be handled with coded name tags.

The responses from the evaluation concerning the classes that were offered were varied. One of the issues seemed to be with repeated class topics. Some new ideas for classes were: various Round Tables for down time, fawn rescue, tube feeding, proper restraints, hood making, 1Health Wildlife, and becoming a not for profit agency. Several classes seemed to have a shortage of supplies.

The evaluations on the speakers were overall positive. The evaluations were strongly positive on the Florida instructor on possums. At the same, time some had issues with some of her comments.

The raffle was very successful. However, after many years of heading up the raffle Toni wants new volunteers and a new leader. She will provide Ann with the "Master Working Copy" used for donations toward the raffle. The Newsletter will advertise for new volunteers. Toni recognized Amanda for her super job putting the baskets together and decorating them this year. She has committed to putting the baskets together again in 2020.

The sales table was almost a sell out in the book division. The only issue seemed to be having a dedicated tablet or smart phone capable of handling credit card sells. Carla has a tablet that she will have at the 2020 Symposium.

The Exhibitor turn out was excellent. There were 14 at this Symposium. There seemed to be some controversy surrounding the reptile exhibitor. The board will review the exhibitor contract and make sure that if certain exhibitor applications are vetted and found to be undesirable there is language to deal with turning down a particular application.

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The VSL document outlining the duties of the VSLs during the Symposium was approved by Dr. Greg Lewbart. He has agreed to be the liaison between the VSLs and WRNC. The contract for the VSLs will be signed by Dr. Lewbart, the VSLs and Carla.

Mathias Engelmann provided the board members with a fleshed-out plan to add two new grants. Since Mathias was not present during this board meeting, this plan was tabled to be discussed in email.

Linda Bergman-Althouse reported that 2019 is the year to order T-shirts. There are 87 units of apparel left in inventory. Of those 87 garments, 32 are sweatshirts. The bestselling colors seem to be the muted earth tones. There is an abundance of brown colored t-shirts. The recommendation is to only order t-shirts. A motion was made to order new t-shirts by Carla and seconded by Toni. The motion passed. Linda will send out a color wheel with new colors for everyone to select their favorite 3 colors.

Committee assignments was discussed. The new board members need to select committees. Melisse suggested to better solicit volunteer committee members we need to have a good understanding of the needs of the committee. This should include a job description of sorts that will match a member's gifts and skills. Better matching will hopefully result in longevity. Linda created a document that she will send to Cindy with descriptions of the committees. Cindy will send these out to the members.

The next phone conference will be in July. Since there was no other business, a motion was made to adjourn by Linda and seconded by Jean. The motion carried and the meeting concluded at 10:34 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bailey

Secretary, WRNC