

Type of Meeting: Officers Meeting

Date of Meeting: 30 January 2006 10 am PST

Attendees: Pat Ormsbee (President), Toni Piaggio (Vice President), Ted Weller (Elected Representative), Cori Lausen (Member at Large), Michael Herder (Elected Representative).

Research Committee

Toni discussed the status of the research committee and that we have decided to ask some academic researchers to work with us to help us formulate the research committee. Pat requested that perhaps we should consider asking Rick Sherwin or Scott Altenbach to be a part of this also in order to reconnect those resources with WBWG. The research committee will discuss this in Feb at their meeting. It was suggested that these two folks might not be interested in sitting on a committee but rather they might be more interested in reviewing the protocol. To be discussed further...

Newsletter

Cori let us all know that she will begin the process of issuing another newsletter in March. The sections will be as follows:

- State and Provincial updates'
- Bulletin Board
- Note from NABCP or BCI
- President's message with highlights

Website and Membership Drive

Mike discussed need for help on website, maybe even the need for a new webmaster. It is very difficult for him to do WBWG website from work. He will find out soon if he can continue as webmaster. Either way he will issue an e-mail looking within our membership for the help he needs. This e-mail will go to state reps and then be disseminated to members. Speaking of members, as of this morning we have 239! Toni asks if it would help Mike to turn membership duties over to Alice , the by-laws state that that is the duty of the secretary. Mike is happy to pass that along to Alice . Toni will find out what info about membership that Brad needs for the non-profit status application.

Position Paper on Rabies Pre-Exposure Vaccinations

Pat officially asks the research committee to consider writing a position statement on the need for all people who work with bats to have pre-exposure rabies vaccination. She feels this is a "safe" topic and a good topic for us to try out working through a position statement. There is subsequently a long discussion about if it really is a "safe" topic. We agree and we also spend time figuring out a process to accomplish this position statement. We all decide it must get on the agenda for the next Board of Directors meeting. We will ask the reps of the membership what they think about WBWG writing this position paper and who should tackle it and how...

Location for 2007 WBWG Meeting

The 2007 meeting planning in Arizona is underway!!!

Budget

***Pat* heads back to work next week and will focus heavily on trying to get *WBWG* some funding so we can have the 2007 meeting and have operating money so we can buy things like the software that our webmaster will need.**