

Pennsylvania Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education Council

Meeting Minutes - June 11, 2019

In Attendance: S. DeArment, J. Argall, C. Eyler, R. Graboski L. Stallings, S. Gallagher P. Hentz, E. Frankel, C.Eyler

1. Wildlife rehabilitation permit interviews
  - a. 10:00 A.M., Janelle Harrawood-mammal, Tamarack Wildlife - approved
  - b. 10:20A.M. Annie Beliles, HAR Wildlife Center – approved
  - c. 10:40A.M. Colleen Dougherty, HAR Wildlife Center - approved
  - d. 11:00 A.M., LeeAnn Streshenkoff, HAR Wildlife Center - approved
2. Call to order
  - a. Meeting called to order at 11:18A.M.
3. Approval of April meeting minutes
  - a. Peggy motioned to accept the minutes, Sue G seconded the motion. All approved.
4. Treasurers Report
  - a. Sue G. provided a report. As of 6/11/19, the balance in the checking account is \$2219.49. There are no outstanding conference expenses or credits.
  - b. The CD stands at \$5335.19 and will next mature on 9/28/19.
5. Law Enforcement Updates
  - a. Annual reports from rehabbers are filed away as required by law. Sometimes, biologist will look at them to detect trends for studies.
  - b. Rehabbers may send an electronic pdf directly to Chad by July 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. PGC employees currently have a 35 year retirement plan, which compared to other agencies with a 25 year plan, makes recruiting very hard. Please contact your Senator and ask them to support House Bill 615 for equitable retirement for PGC employees.
6. Issue brought to council by two licensed rehabilitators
  - a. An in-depth conversation was held to discuss concerns of C&T permittees.
  - b. Chad advised the following:
    - i. C & T permittees are regulated by the PGC and are equally permitted within the Commonwealth of PA.

- ii. C & T permittees are permitted to transport animals anywhere within the state of PA.
  - iii. Any complaints should go directly to Chad Eyer. Chad may bring issues to the Council for discussion, but all legal decisions are made through the PGC.
  - iv. According to Title 34, section 929, Rehabbers must accept animals from C &T permittees unless the center is closed.
- 7. Regulations concerning the removal of adult wildlife during baby season. Rehabilitation centers being inundated with orphaned animals as a result.
  - a. Per Chad, Nuisance Control Officers are supposed to euthanize RVS species babies after the mother has been trapped. Rehabbers should call their Game Wardens to report a permit violation when babies are brought in.
- 8. Updates on next conference location
  - a. Leah looked into the Inn at Bald Eagle and it is too small to accommodate our group.
  - b. Robyn will look into Tofttrees Resort.
  - c. Leah will look into the Nittany Lion Inn.
  - d. Sue G. will send a breakdown of costs from the last conference.
  - e. Hotel and conference related fees continue to increase and will be reflected the cost in the conference over time.
  - f. An idea of evaluating the speakers and their merits on a case by case basis may help council to make fair offers.
- 9. Meeting minutes to be sent to Rehabilitation community- can they be approved through e-mail
  - a. Robyn made a motion to approve the minutes via email, Leah seconds, council approves.

- b. Minutes will be sent council for approval. Once approved, Jill will send a pdf to Peggy to post of pawr.com.
- c. Robyn will send a notice to the list serve to alert everyone to the change.

10. Issues with rehabilitators

- a. Council has been advised of several disputes between rehabbers. As these are personality conflicts, council will not get involved and advises the rehabbers to try to work things out.
- b. Peggy would like to plan a networking event in the fall.

11. Updates/items for Discussion

- a. C & T Couriers are struggling with late intake when centers are closed for the day.
  - i. Chad suggested some become sub-permittees in order to stabilize the animals overnight.
  - ii. Sub-permittees can triage as long as they bring the animals to a center the next morning.

12. Next meeting – Sept 3, 2018

13. Adjourn and Lunch

- a. Meeting adjourned at 1:18P.M.