

**Pennsylvania Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education Council
July 11, 2023 – Zoom Virtual Meeting**

In Attendance:

S. DeArment, P. Hentz, L. Stallings, S. Gallagher, R. Graboski, S. Acosta,
E. Frankel

Absent: C. Eylar

I. Interviews

The council interviewed Lauren Gibbons of Humane Animal Rescue for a novice permit.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

On a motion by SueD, seconded by Peggy, all agreed Lauren should be issued a permit.

The council interviewed Emma Murgas of Centre Wildlife for an upgraded permit. On a motion by SueG, seconded by Leah, all agreed the upgrade should be issued.

II. Minutes

Sandra provided minutes from the last meeting. On a motion by Peggy, seconded by Leah, all agreed minutes should be approved, with the exception of correcting last names for spelling.

III. Treasurer's Report

Leah provided a treasurer's report prior to the meeting.

- The balance as of 05/09/23 was \$19,274.41
- One payment was made to Raven Ridge for a lead grant, of \$728.64
- The current balance is \$18,545.77
- This includes \$9,820.54 in the general fund and \$8,725.23 for lead grants

On a motion by Robin, seconded by Peggy, the report was approved.

IV. Conference

Peggy gave an update from the conference subcommittee.

- Planning is ahead of schedule, with the next meeting of the subcommittee scheduled for July.

- Topics/talks for veterinary sessions have been set, and continuing education credits for these talks are now being sought.
- More sponsors are needed
- More advertising is needed, and Amanda Leyden from Aark is interested in helping with that. She will attend the next subcommittee meeting.

IV. Other

There was some discussion on whether agency personnel from the PGC are permitted to receive anything in recognition of their service to rehabilitators. Peggy will call and ask Brenton about this.

There was a discussion of using amputee birds in education, and/or releasing them. All agreed that quality of life should be the deciding factor in these situations, as well as adherence to rules of law.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2023.

On a motion by SueD, seconded by Robyn, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

Susan Gallagher
Recording Secretary