

Pennsylvania Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education Council
November 14, 2023 – Zoom Virtual Meeting

In Attendance:

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

I. Interviews

The council interviewed Renae Yeager for a novice, non-raptor permit. On a motion by SueD second by Robyn, all agreed to suggest a permit be issued.

II. CTO / Minutes / Treasurer's Report

The meeting was called to order at 10:52 a.m. Minutes of the September meeting were unavailable.

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

- Current balance is \$37,675.43
- This does not include the \$10,000 promised from the PGC
- \$29,280.20 is available for the conference
- \$8,395.23 is available for eagle lead grants
- Leah is leaving some money in PayPal for any refunds required

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

III. Conference

- As of today there are 109 registrants
- Registration closes Wednesday around 9pm
- SueG will work on connecting with all lab registrants to make sure they know of date change
- Leah will send a final spreadsheet of registrants to Peggy (for the hotel) SueG (for the lab) and Connie Campanella (for the WIN giveaway)
- The hotel will need payment next week
- Leah and Peggy are coordinating on ads for the conference booklet
- Sandra will serve as photographer on Saturday, and SueG will find volunteers for other days
- Robyn would like photos of any animals with nutritional deficiencies, and all are encouraged to forward any they might have
- SueG will bring a laptop
- SueG will write a welcome message from the council for the booklet, and submit to all for approval

IV. Law Enforcement / PGC

Chad joined the meeting

SueD told him the council suggests that Renae Yeager be issued a permit.

Chad had no law enforcement issues to relay to the council but did state that the PGC administrative office is working on approving the \$10,000 grant toward conference expenses.

Regarding West Shore Wildlife's township conflict and potential closure, SueD asked about providing them with legal advice.

Chad stated the PGC would not assist with this, and their permits or policies do not trump local ordinances.

After some discussion, though with much sympathy for West Shore, all agreed that it is outside the council's abilities/mission to provide or seek legal advice for permittees.

V. Other

SueD sought approval to use the species-specific training videos she had developed for continuing education credits for C/T permittees. Videos had been forwarded to council members previously for review.

On a motion by SueG, seconded by Peggy, all agreed these qualify for CE. SueD was encouraged to make them available for credit to all rehabilitators as well.

There was a brief discussion on avian influenza. All are reminded to remain vigilant.

All agreed on dates for meetings in 2024 as follows:

January 9

March 12

May 14

July 9

September 10

November 12

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

Susan Gallagher
Recording Secretary