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The Wildlife Disease Association (WDA) Business Meeting was called to order by President R. McLean at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education, University of Georgia (Athens, Georgia) on 11 August 1999 at 4:30 P.M. Winners of the WDA election were announced and included T. Rocke, President; W. Samuel, Vice President; L. Uhazy, Treasurer; L. Creekmore, Secretary; and Ellis Greiner and M. Pybus Council members-at-large. S. Wright and M. Spalding are the members-at-large rotating off council.

President McLean mentioned that membership was down, especially international memberships. Membership fee increases approved by council were $30.00 for student, $60.00 for regular, and $100.00 for institutional memberships. Other membership information mentioned was (1) the possibility of a new logo in the immediate future; (2) the poll taken with the 1999 ballot in which a majority of members indicated that they would be willing to receive an electronic copy of the supplement; and (3) the new web page which in the future may have information, such as the supplement to the journal, that has member password protection.

L. Uhazy gave the treasurer report and indicated that a Budget and Audit Committee will be formed including T. Rocke, D. Pence, C. Quist, I. Barker, possibly T. Yuille, C. Van Riper, and L. Uhazy. Hopefully the budget can be streamlined, given to council in October, and approved by council by November.

D. Pence gave the editor's report. W. Boyce has stepped down as an assistant editor. E. Williams will take over as editor in 2001. There will be an increase in page charges (from $40.00 to $50.00 for members and from $75.00 to $95.00 for nonmembers). The possibility of a submission fee is being investigated by an ad hoc committee. Start up funds in the amount of $7,500.00 was approved for E. Williams to establish the new editor's office. A cap of 800 pages for next year's journal was approved by council. The index will be shorter and will be prepared by Allen Press.

Upcoming meeting venues were mentioned: 2000 in Jackson Hole (Wyoming, USA); 2001 (50th Anniversary) in the Republic of South Africa; 2002 at Humboldt State University (California, USA). Terry Kreeger presented a slide show on the 2000 meeting site. The 2000 conference dates are June 3–8.

Other business included (1) there were no corrections or additions to the minutes, (2) that an ad hoc committee has updated the constitution, and (3) that a committee has been formed to look into changing the size and cover of the journal.

T. Yuill discussed the Carlton Herman Founders Fund. General funds to increase the fund to $25,000.00 were approved by council. This will generate enough interest to bring in a speaker each year. A. Fairbrother was approved by council to be the new trustee replacing W. Heuschlle. T. Yuill asked for suggestions for speakers for upcoming meetings.

T. Rocke thanked the local organizing committee for organizing such a excellent meeting.

T. Yuill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by T. Kreeger and council was adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Respectively submitted,
Elizabeth W. Howerth
Secretary

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