

Minutes of the June 2013 Meeting of the Northwestern Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, Inc.

The second quarterly meeting of the Northwestern Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, Inc. was held on June 12th, 2013 at the Olde Towne banquet facility in Menomonie, WI. There were 28 people in attendance.

Business Meeting:

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Bruce Wilmeth at 7:30 PM.

Introduction of Guests:

- Dr. Paul McGraw, Wisconsin State Veterinarian & program speaker
- Aliesha Stevens-Backus, a second year University of Minnesota veterinary student, guest of Dr. Eric Bohl
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Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the March 2013 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$5085 in the checking account.

Reports:

WVMA Representative – Dr. Mike Wolf:

- There is a health insurance plan available through WVMA.
- The Veterinary Exam Board is under study to possibly move from the Department Safety & Professional Services to the Department of Ag, Trade & Consumer Protection. In fact the entire DSPS may be merged into other state agencies.
- Jim Schmidt commented on attending the WVMA HACCP workshop for Proper Drug Use as a very worthwhile program for veterinarians working with food-producing animals. The next workshop will be in LaCrosse on June 19, 2013.
- The WVMA Annual Convention will be held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison on Oct 10-13, 2013.

AVMA Update - Dr. Rene Carlson:

Dr. Rene Carlson, AVMA immediate Past-President, was present and reported on various AVMA activities and issues.

More information on these topics is available on our website: www.nwvma.org

- Veterinarians can be sued for drugs purchased from compounding pharmacies that use “raw drug ingredients”, information which is difficult for the veterinarian to find out and know.
- AVMA Work Force Study found a national 12.5% excess capacity of veterinary services.
- AVMA Task Force on Governance and Member Participation.
- AVMA Task Force on Foreign Veterinary School Accreditation
- AVMA Annual Convention will be held on Jul 19-23, 2013 in Chicago, IL
- Partners for Healthy Pets initiative sponsored by the AVMA
- How to access AVMA newsletters, news and issue alerts and information updates.
- A new veterinary school is being planned to open in Arizona.

Diagnostic Lab Update – Dr. Mark Carlson:

Dr. Mark Carlson from the WI Veterinary Diagnostic Lab was present, but did not have any new information to report.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

- AABP Annual Convention will be held on Milwaukee, Sep 19-21, 2013
- Kim Pokorny-Brown, WVMA Executive Director, will speak at our September 11, 2013 NWVMA membership meeting, location to be determined and announced later.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Continuing Education Program:

Dr. Paul McGraw, state veterinarian, presented an update on the Animal Health Division of DATCP. Issues from testing farmed-deer to influenza virus H3N2, to acceptable forms of identification for moving cattle were covered. (presentation time: 8:15-9:05 PM).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Larry Baumann, NWVMA Secretary/Treasurer