

## **Minutes of the September 2013 Meeting of the Northwestern Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, Inc.**

The third quarterly meeting of the Northwestern Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, Inc. was held on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Whitetail Golf Course in Colfax, WI. There were 59 people in attendance.

### **Business Meeting:**

#### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Bruce Wilmeth at 7:25 PM.

#### **Introduction of Guests:**

- Ms Kim Brown Pokorny, WVMA Executive Director & evening speaker
- Mr. Tom Blaskey, AVMA insurance representative & evening speaker
- Dr. Lori Hall, veterinarian from Ashland Area Veterinary Clinic, Ashland, WI
- Dr. Erin Weiss, veterinarian from Eau Claire & Mondovi area
- Dr. Mike Lilla, veterinarian from Stanley Veterinary Service, Stanley, WI

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

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

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$5856 in the checking account.

#### **Reports:**

##### **WVMA Representative – Dr. Mike Wolf:**

- The WVMA Annual Convention will be held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison on Oct 10-13, 2013.
- The WVMA is very active and our dues monies are being well spent on various issues affecting veterinarians and veterinary medicine.

##### **AVMA Update - Dr. Rene Carlson:**

Dr. Rene Carlson encouraged members to keep up to date on AVMA activities and issues by frequently visiting the AVMA website at [www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org).

##### **Diagnostic Lab Update – Dr. Mark Carlson:**

Dr. Mark Carlson from the WI Veterinary Diagnostic Lab (WVDL) was present and gave several updates.

- The WVDL webpage has been redesigned and updated.
- The WVDL website now has a portal for obtaining test results. Your first-time registration on the portal must be a couple days before you can access results on the portal.
- Some bovine abortion cases have been seen that are suggestive of ureaplasma infections.
- New diagnostic tests are available at the WVDL. They can be viewed at the WVDL website: [www.wvd.wisc.edu](http://www.wvd.wisc.edu).

#### **Unfinished Business:** none

#### **New Business:**

- AABP Annual Convention will be held in Milwaukee, Sep 19-21, 2013.
- Members were encouraged to request our NWVMA newsletter via email to save postage. Contact Dr. Larry Baumann at [larry.baumann@uwrf.edu](mailto:larry.baumann@uwrf.edu).
- The WVMA Annual Convention will be held in Madison on Oct 10-13, 2013.
- The next NWVMA membership meeting will be Wednesday, Dec 11, 2013 in Eau Claire, WI.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

#### **Continuing Education Program:**

Ms. Kim Brown Pokorny, WVMA Executive Director, discussed various issues in veterinary medicine, including: prescription drugs, unlicensed practice, record keeping requirements, drug residue avoidance in food animals and health insurance coverage for veterinarians and their employees. Mr. Tom Blaskey followed with additional details on health insurance issues and options available under the new Affordable Care Act. Selection of health care insurance plans will begin after October 1<sup>st</sup> for coverage to begin January 1, 2014. (presentation time: 7:55-9:25 PM).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Larry Baumann

NWVMA Secretary/Treasurer