

Minutes of the March 2014 Meeting of the Northwestern Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, Inc.

The first quarterly meeting of the Northwestern Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, Inc. was held on March 12th, 2014 at the Blue Moose Grill & Steak House in Bloomer, WI. There were 35 people in attendance.

Business Meeting:

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Jeff Johnson at 7:20 PM.

Introduction of Guests:

Dr. Karen Shenoy, veterinarian and evening speaker from Hills Nutrition,
Ms Jean McHale, area representative from Hills Nutrition,
Dr. Bridget Tallman, new veterinarian joining Dr. Doris Durst's clinic in Chippewa Falls,
Ms. Antonia Phelps, CVT from Chetek Veterinary Clinic,
Ms. Anne Vaini, assistant from Chetek Veterinary Clinic.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the December 2013 meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$4977 in the checking account and reviewed the NWVMA Financial Report for 2013 as printed in the March 2014 newsletter. The NWVMA had a net gain of \$69 in 2013.

Reports:

AVMA Update – Dr. Rene Carlson:

Dr. Rene Carlson, AVMA Past President, was present and reported on various AVMA activities and issues. She has received numerous questions about the opening of more new veterinary schools (AZ & TN) in the US. She explained the AVMA efforts on veterinary economics and workforce issues. Her full report is available on our website: www.nwvma.org.

WVMA Representative – Dr. Mike Wolf:

Dr. Mike Wolf announced that the WVMA will have a two day retreat in May. Please let Dr. Wolf know of any concerns or issues that should be addressed by the WVMA.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus was discussed. Several members shared information on the virulence of this virus that causes almost 100% mortality in young pigs, less than two weeks of age.
- NWVMA Life Members present at the meeting were introduced and acknowledged. There were: Drs. Wayne Barcus, Bud Cadman, Chuck Howe, Gary Gienapp, Jack Register & Rod Stenzel.
- Marjorie Monson, wife of Dr. Earl Monson, passed away last Thursday, March 6th. Funeral services will be on Tuesday, March 18th.
- Dr. Johnson asked if there was interest in a future meeting topic on some new mastitis tests available using PCR technology.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

Continuing Education Program:

Dr. Karen Shenoy presented an informative talk on weight management in dogs and cats. Several methods for measuring body fat and accessing obesity in dogs and cats were presented. Healthy weight guidelines for dogs and cats were distributed. (presentation time: 8:10-9 PM).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Larry Baumann
NWVMA Secretary/Treasurer