

**Minutes of the September 2014 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 10th, 2014 at The Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Eau Claire, WI. An afternoon program entitled “Feline Friendly Focus” was held from 3-6 PM with three presentations by Dr. Ilona Rodan, veterinarian and feline specialist from Madison, WI. There were 78 people in attendance for the afternoon program. A buffet meal was served to 60 people, followed by the business meeting and an additional feline program with 45 people in attendance.

Business Meeting:

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Jeff Johnson at 7:25 PM.

Introduction of Guests:

Dr. Kristin Willer, new veterinarian joining Dr. Mike Wolf in Menomonie, WI,
Dr. Autumn Chrouser, veterinarian from LaCrosse, WI, and secretary of the Coulee WVMA district.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the June 2014 meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$5353 in the checking account.

Reports:

AVMA Update – Dr. Rene Carlson:

Dr. Rene Carlson reported on several AVMA initiatives including 1) AVMA’s focus on serving members; 2) AVMA’s continued interaction and involvement with governmental legislation; and 3) AVMA’s “Partners for Healthy Pets” program.

WI Veterinary Diagnostic Lab Report – Dr. Mark Carlson:

Dr. Mark Carlson reported that Dr. Scott Jones retired from the WVDL in Barron in June 2014. Dr. Tom McKenna, WVDL Director in Madison since 2007, took a different job and left the WVDL. Dr. Pete Vanderloo has been named Interim WVDL Director. Dr. Carlson informed members that animal euthanasia at the WVDL must be arranged and approved prior to submission. Salt poisoning in calves has been diagnosed in several cases and linked to the use of soft water in mixing milk replacer.

WVMA Representative – Dr. Mike Wolf:

Dr. Mike Wolf reminded members of the WVMA Convention at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison on October 9-12, 2014.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None

Adjournment: The business meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Continuing Education Program:

Dr. Ilona Rodan, veterinarian and feline specialist, presented an informative program on “Ten Tips to Get Cats Back into Your Practice” (presentation time: 7:50-8:45 PM).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Larry Baumann
NWVMA Secretary/Treasurer