

## **Minutes of the December 2014 Meeting of the Northwestern Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, Inc.**

The fourth quarterly meeting of the Northwestern Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, Inc. was held on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center in Eau Claire WI. There were 58 people in attendance.

### **Business Meeting:**

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

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Jeff Johnson at 7:30 PM.

#### **Thank You:**

Dr. Jeff Johnson thanked Dr. Michelle Kissner for arranging and providing the barbershop quartet group who sang for ½ hour prior to our buffet meal.

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

Mr. Billy Molls, outdoorsman and evening speaker from Turtle Lake, WI.

Mr. Scott Shane, Merck Animal Health representative.

Staff from the Oakwood Hills Animal Hospital in Eau Claire.

Several spouses were introduced and welcomed.

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

The minutes of the September 2014 meeting were read and approved.

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

The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$5843 in the checking account.

#### **Reports:**

##### **World Veterinary Association Update**

Dr. Rene Carlson was elected president of the World Veterinary Association in Singapore on November 29, 2014. Dr. Rene Carlson extended her greetings in an email. More information about the WVA can be found at their website: [www.worldvet.org](http://www.worldvet.org).

##### **WVDL Update - Dr. Mark Carlson**

Dr. Mark Carlson was not present.

##### **WVMA Representative - Dr. Mike Wolf**

Dr. Mike Wolf reported on several items. The WVMA will lobby in 2014 to legislatively move the Veterinary Licensing Board to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) from the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS). The DSPS would continue to operate under the Commerce Dept. The DATCP and their attorneys would have a better understanding of veterinary issues which are more closely aligned with other professional and commercial entities controlled by DATCP.

The WVMA encourages veterinarians to contact the WVMA office about any concerns with unlicensed veterinary practice occurring in the state. An AVMA summary of the state legislative year-end report for 2014 will be available on the NWWVMA website: [www.nwwvma.org](http://www.nwwvma.org).

**Unfinished Business:** None

#### **New Business:**

**Announcements:** We recently learned that Dr. Eric Swanson, age 48, died this past June 22, 2014 in Cable, WI.

**Election of Officers:** President Dr. Jeff Johnson called for the election of new officers. Each position was opened for nominations, the nomination was announced and a request was made for additional nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were received from the floor, so the final nominations for each position included:

- President: Dr. Kevin Landorf from Eau Claire, WI
- President-Elect: Dr. Helene Keily from Barron, WI
- Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Larry Baumann from River Falls, WI
- District Director (2 yr term): Dr. Eb Ballinger, from Cornell, WI
- District Director (1 yr term): Dr. Vicki Sokolowski, Ladysmith, WI
- Dr. Larry Baumann moved for a "white-ballot" to elect this slate of officers. The motion was seconded; and the slate of officers was elected on a voice vote.

Dr. Jeff Johnson thanked Dr. Bruce Wilmeth for his three years of service to the NWVMA as President-Elect, President and Past-President.

**Wrap-Up:** Dr. Jeff Johnson thanked everyone for the privilege of serving as president this past year and turned the gavel over to newly elected president Kevin Landorf. Dr. Landorf thanked Dr. Jeff Johnson for his year of service and presented him with a plaque of appreciation. Dr. Landorf thanked everyone for their participation in the NWVMA and is looking forward to another good year.

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

**Continuing Education Program:**

Mr. Billy Molls, gave a presentation on “Exploring Wildlife in the Great Outdoors”. His talk highlighted his experience as a wildlife and hunting tour guide in Alaska. Information about Grizzly Bear, Brown Bear, Dall Sheep, Moose, Caribou, Wolves, and other wildlife was included in his informative presentation. (presentation time: 7:50-8:45 PM).

**Door Prizes:**

The first door prize (a pair of hand-carved candle holders donated by Dr. Dan Goller) was won by Dr. Eb Ballinger from Cornell, WI. The second door prize (a hand-crafted cork trivet donated by Dr. Rod Zachary) was won by Carol Gienapp from Chippewa Falls.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Larry Baumann  
NWVMA Secretary-Treasurer