

**Minutes of the March 2015 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 11th, 2015 at the Whitetail Golf Course in Colfax, WI. There were 41 people in attendance.

Business Meeting:

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Kevin Landorf at 7:15 PM.

Introduction of Guests:

Dr. Peter Vanderloo, WVDL Interim Director, from Madison

Dr. Jeni Myers, veterinarian and speaker from BluePearl-Minnesota

Ms. Jacqueline Todd, service representative for BluePearl-Minnesota

Ms. Bailee Carlson, CVT from Animal Wellness Center (Dr. Meier-Jones) in Mondovi

Ms. Taylor Twinstra, CVT from Animal Wellness Center (Dr. Meier-Jones) in Mondovi

Ms. Mary Voight, CVT from Country Doctors (Dr. Wolf) in Menomonie

Ms. Sandra Stiles, CVT from Lake Wissota Animal Hospital (Dr. Tallman/Dr. Durst) in Chippewa Falls

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the December 2014 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$5100 in the checking account and reviewed the NWVMA Financial Report for 2014 as printed in the March 2015 newsletter. The NWVMA had a net gain of \$880 in 2014.

Reports:

WVMA Representative – Dr. Mike Wolf:

Dr. Mike Wolf reported on several WVMA topics of interest.

- The State Veterinary Examining Board is being proposed in the governor's budget, to move to the Wisconsin Department of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection.
- A joint meeting between the WVMA and the Humane Society Association regarding clarification of the current state rules and regulations concerning animal shelter medicine has been completed with a better understanding of the Wisconsin rules concerning shelter medicine.
- The WVMA Food Armor program continues to grow. Phase II of the program will be a Food Armor Accreditation process for veterinarians, who wish to become certified as trainers and farm auditors. Dr. Mrdutt's position will become full time with the Food Armor program.
- The WVMA has restructured its standing committees to a more streamlined number and will be creating more 'task forces' for a specific purpose of the board, that will "sunset" when the specific task is completed.
- The WVMA office is being relocated to a larger space at a new address in Sun Prairie.
- Finally, a sad note, if you did not see the recent WVMA newsletter, Dr. Tom Howard passed away suddenly recently while helping a neighbor. He has been the WVMA treasurer for over 14 years of providing a steady informed perspective on the financial health of the WVMA. He was also a key member of the Drug Residue HACPP task force, which has evolved into the Food Armor Program. Our prayers and condolences to his family.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- Dr. Pete Vanderloo, the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Lab (WVDL) Interim Director from Madison gave an update on the WVDL-Barron lab. In the past year, both veterinarians, Drs. Scott Jones and Mark Carlson, retired from the WVDL-Barron lab. The two positions were consolidated into one veterinary position. A search to fill that position did not result in any qualified applicants, so the WVDL-Barron is currently without a veterinarian. Additionally, the WVDL-Barron lab will

no longer provide necropsy services. All necropsies must be done by local veterinarians and tissues can be sent to the lab for analysis and histopathology. It was mentioned that the WVDL in Madison will continue to do necropsies and the UM-Vet Diag Lab also does necropsies.

- The recent avian influenza virus (H5N2) outbreak in MN was mentioned by Dr. Vanderloo.
- NWVMA Life Membership was granted to Dr. Doug Erbeck and Dr. Earl Monson.
- A few "Feline Friendly" handouts from the Sept 10, 2014 program are still available.
- A continuing education meeting is currently being planned by Dan Brehmer from Zoetis to be held at Globe University-Eau Claire campus on Saturday, April 4, 2015. The topic will include anesthetic blocks, pain management and sedation. It will include a wet lab section. More details are available from Dan Brehmer.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Continuing Education Program:

Dr. Jeni Myers from BluePearl-Minnesota presented an informative talk and update on new developments in diabetes. Her presentation included causes of diabetes, insulin resistance, and therapeutic management of diabetes with various insulin drugs currently on the market. (presentation time: 8-9 PM).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Larry Baumann
NWVMA Secretary/Treasurer