

**Minutes of the June 2015 Meeting of the
Northwestern Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, Inc.**

The second quarterly meeting of the Northwestern Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, Inc. was held on June 10th, 2015 at the Horizons Lounge & Banquet Center in Tilden, WI. There were 47 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. Matt Boyle, veterinarian and speaker from Zoetis

Dr. Katie Mrdutt, veterinarian and speaker from WVMA

Dr. Ben Tegen, new associate veterinarian at the Whitehall Veterinary Service

Dr. Emily Pierce, new associate veterinarian at the Chippewa Veterinary Clinic

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the March 2015 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$6055 in the checking account.

Reports:

WVDL Report – Dr. Peter Vanderloo:

Dr. Peter Vanderloo, the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Lab (WVDL) Interim Director from Madison gave an update on the WVDL-Barron lab.

- Necropsy service has stopped at the WVDL-Barron lab. All necropsies must be done by local veterinarians and tissues sent to the lab for analysis and histopathology.
- In the past year, two veterinarians retired and those two veterinary 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. Any local veterinarians interested in helping at the WVDL-Barron on an interim basis should contact Dr. Vanderloo.

AVMA & WVA Report – Dr. Rene` Carlson:

Dr. Rene` Carlson gave a brief report on highlights of AVMA and WVA activities. These included:

- Plans for a 'Global Food Security Summit' to be held in 2017
- Recent and continuing AVMA economic reports available on the AVMA website
- Antibiotic use & resistance concerns (VFD & the White House forum)
- AVMA Convention, July 10-14, 2015 in Boston
- The World Veterinary Association (WVA) is an international network of over 500,000 veterinarians around the world. The current strategic priorities are: 1) animal welfare; 2) zoonotic diseases; 3) education for all veterinarians; and 4) pharmaceutical stewardship.
- A complete copy with details from Dr. Carlson's report can be found on the NWWVMA website: www.nwwvma.org

WVMA Representative – Dr. Mike Wolf:

Dr. Mike Wolf was unable to attend, but forwarded information which was distributed at the meeting.

- A report from the State Veterinarian, Dr. Paul McGraw (handout).
 - o Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza was found on 10 premises in Wisconsin.
 - o Tuberculosis exposed dairy herd. An immigrant worker on a dairy farm was confirmed to have bovine tuberculosis. The herd was quarantined and TB tested.
 - o Cattle Official ID clarification
 - o Other issues: Equine Herpesvirus, Scrapie, Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus, etc.

- Legislative Update by Jordan Lamb (handout).
 - o 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 (DATCP).
 - o The Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Lab (WVDL) will stay at UW-Madison. Some earlier budget discussions suggested moving the WVDL back to the DATCP, but it will continue to stay at UW-Madison.
 - o Request to preserve funding for Wisconsin's livestock premise registration program.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- Dr. Helene Keily announced plans for the NWVMA September meeting which will feature a 'Focus on Dentistry' continuing education program presented by Dr. Bill Gengler on Sept 9, 2015 at the Clarion Hotel in Eau Claire.
- Dr. Bruce Wilmeth announced an upcoming Christian Veterinary Mission trip to Ecuador in July 2015 that he will accompany with UW-Madison veterinary students. Any financial support for students would be appreciated. Donations can be made online at: www.cvmusa.org

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

Continuing Education Program:

Dr. Matt Boyle from Zoetis presented an informative half-hour update on the Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) newly enacted by the FDA. This was followed by Dr. Katie Mrdutt, WVMA outreach veterinarian, who gave a half-hour update on the WVMA Food Armor™ program. (total presentation time: 7:55-8:55 PM).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Larry Baumann
NWVMA Secretary/Treasurer