

**Minutes of the September 2015 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 9th, 2015 at The Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Eau Claire, WI. An afternoon program entitled "Focus on Dentistry" was held from 3-6 PM with three presentations by Dr. Bill Gengler, veterinarian and board certified veterinary dental specialist from Madison, WI. There were 65 people in attendance for the afternoon program. The evening program started with a buffet dinner, followed by the quarterly business meeting and then an additional dental program presentation by Dr. Gengler with 55 people in attendance.

Business Meeting:

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

Introduction of Guests:

Dr. Sarah Smith, a new associate veterinarian joining Dr. Mike Wolf in Menomonie, WI,
Dr. Kathy Rausch, critical care veterinarian from the Animal Emergency & Referral Center of MN
Dr. Erin Vicari, board-certified veterinary dentist from the Animal Emergency & Referral Center of MN
Brian Dingman & Jada Ellefson, company representatives from MAI (exhibited dental equipment)
Rachel Prince, CVT and Hannah West, CVT from the Chippewa Falls Veterinary Clinic

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the June 2015 meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$5260 in the checking account.

Reports:

AVMA Update – Dr. Rene Carlson:

Dr. Carlson regrettably could not attend this meeting.

WI Veterinary Diagnostic Lab Update – Dr. Larry Baumann:

The Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory is looking for practicing veterinarians in the area of the WVDL-Barron laboratory to help with providing part-time veterinary services at the WVDL-Barron laboratory. Contact the WVDL if interested in more details.

WVMA Representative – Dr. Mike Wolf (reported by Dr. Kevin Landorf):

Dr. Mike Wolf was not able to attend, but sent the following comments and announcements.

- The WVMA is in the process of establishing a WVMA Foundation board for fund raising and grants.
- The upcoming annual WVMA Convention will be held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison on October 8-11, 2015. This is the 100th anniversary of the WVMA and there will be a celebration event on Friday night. Details are included for the convention online at the WVMA website.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- The WI DATCP Division of Animal Health will host a meeting on September 22, 2015 at America's Best Value Inn, 809 Clairemont Ave, in Eau Claire from 6-8 PM. The topic will be "*Avian Influenza – Lessons Learned and How to Prepare for the Future.*"
- Dr. Liane Wilkinson presented a concern that lay people in her practice area are using sedatives and tranquilizers for dental work in horses and for grooming in dogs. She would like to see the availability and use of these animal drugs by lay people stopped.
- Our District needs to elect a new WVMA representative in December since Dr. Mike Wolf's term will be finished at the end of this calendar year, 2015. Let any of the officers know if you or someone you know may be interested in serving.

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

Continuing Education Program:

Dr. Bill Gengler, veterinarian and board certified veterinary dental specialist, presented an informative program on a "Team Approach to Dental Practice" (presentation time: 7:55-8:55 PM).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Larry Baumann
NWVMA Secretary/Treasurer