

Minutes of the December 2015 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 9th, 2015 at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center in Eau Claire WI. There were 45 people in attendance.

Business Meeting:

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Kevin Landorf at 7:30 PM.

Introduction of Guests:

Dr. Liz Cooksey, veterinarian from New Richmond, working at Surpass Medical Laboratories in Osceola. Staff from the Oakwood Hills Animal Hospital in Eau Claire.

Staff from the Chippewa Veterinary Clinic.

Several spouses were introduced and welcomed.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the September 2015 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$4899 in the checking account.

Reports:

WVMA Representative - Dr. Mike Wolf

Dr. Mike Wolf reported on several items.

- The Veterinary Licensing Board is completing its move from the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DPS) to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP).

- Veterinary license renewals are due this month for many veterinarians.

- The WVMA reviewed and updated its by-laws this past year.

- The annual WVMA Convention in October was a successful event.

- Dr. Mike Wolf will be completing his term as our WVMA representative at the end of this calendar year.

Ballots to elect a new WVMA representative from our district were sent out from the WVMA office. The ballot included two candidates, Dr. Kevin Landorf from Eau Claire and Dr. Mike Strobush from

Granton. All were encouraged to vote and return their ballots to the WVMA office prior to December 15, 2015.

Unfinished Business:

Dr. Liane Wilkinson updated the membership about the use of sedatives and tranquilizers by lay people in her practice area. She filed two complaints with the Veterinary Licensing Board and the lay people involved have agreed to discontinue the use of these drugs.

New Business:

Election of Officers: President Dr. Kevin Landorf 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. Helene Keily from Barron, WI
- President-Elect: Dr. Eb Ballinger, from Cornell, WI
- Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Larry Baumann from River Falls, WI
- District Director (2 yr term): Dr. Vicki Sokolowski, Ladysmith, WI
- District Director (1 yr term): Dr. Meg Mueller, Osseo, WI

Dr. Gary Gienapp 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. Kevin Landorf thanked Dr. Jeff Johnson for his three years of service to the NWVMA as President-Elect, President and Past-President.

Wrap-Up: Dr. Kevin Landorf thanked everyone for the privilege of serving as president this past year and symbolically turned the gavel over to newly elected president, Dr. Helene Keily, who could not be in attendance this evening. Dr. Larry Baumann thanked Dr. Landorf for his year of service as president and presented him with a plaque of appreciation.

Door Prizes:

The first door prize (a hand-carved wood display shelf donated by Dr. Dan Goller) was won by Dr. Bridget Tallman from Chippewa Falls, WI. The second door prize (a decorative holiday plate donated by Dr. Helene Keily) was won by Brittney Peterson from Eau Claire.

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

Continuing Education Program:

Dr. Bob Bohacek, veterinarian from Oakwood Hills Animal Hospital in Eau Claire, WI gave a presentation on "Volunteering Veterinary Services in Honduras". He highlighted his experiences while volunteering his veterinary services in Honduras for several weeks per year during the past several years. (presentation time: 8-9 PM).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Larry Baumann
NWVMA Secretary-Treasurer