

**Minutes of the March 2016 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 9th, 2016 at the Horizons Lounge & Banquet Center in Tilden, WI. There were 36 people in attendance.

Business Meeting:

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

Introduction of Guests:

Ms. Amanda Bell, from Oakwood Hills Animal Hospital, Eau Claire, WI

Dr. Peter Rayne, DVM and Professor of Animal Science, UW-River Falls, River Falls, WI

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

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$5500 in the checking account and reviewed the NWWMA Financial Report for 2015 as printed in the March 2016 newsletter. The NWWMA had a net gain of \$660 in 2015.

Reports:

AVMA Update – Dr. Rene Carlson

Dr. Rene Carlson was not present, but sent an email that requested nominees for AVMA Council On Education. Deadline is March 31, 2016. Contact Dr. Carlson or the AVMA.

WVMA Representative – Dr. Kevin Landorf

Dr. Kevin Landorf reported on several WVMA topics of interest.

- The WVMA will be offering “Mind, Body & Soul” A weekend for Team Wellness meeting at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells, on April 9 & 10, 2016. Contact the WVMA.
- The 2016 WVMA Annual Convention will be held on Oct 13-16, 2016 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison.
- Canine Influenza outbreaks in WI should be reported to the WI DATCP-Division of Animal Health.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- WI DATCP-Division of Animal Health will be offering TB certification in Eau Claire, WI. Details to be announced. Check their website.
- Dr. Dennis VanRoekel, from Baldwin, raised a concern that most veterinary organizations are taking a position against tail-docking in dairy cattle. He doesn't believe there is enough solid scientific evidence against tail-docking of dairy cattle and asked for a survey to be conducted among members. Dr. Kevin Landorf offered to get more information from the WVMA.

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

Continuing Education Program:

Mr. Sonny Piekarz, a certified dog trainer from Hay Creek Kennel in Gilman, WI presented an informative talk and demonstration on canine training and behavior modification.
(presentation time: 7:50-8:50 PM).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Larry Baumann
NWWMA Secretary/Treasurer