

**Minutes of the June 2016 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Condensery in Osseo, WI. There were 31 people in attendance.

**Business Meeting:**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Helene Keily at 7:05 PM.

**Introduction of Guests:**

Dr. Ben Tegen, from Whitehall Veterinary Service, Whitehall, WI

Dr. Anne Saunders from Whitehall Veterinary Service, Whitehall, WI

Dr. Simon Jette-Nantel, Professor of Ag Business & Economics, UW-River Falls, River Falls, WI

Mr. Tom Bruenig and Mr. Tom Pavelski from SCR Dairy, speakers for evening program

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the March 2016 meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$4396 in the checking account.

**Reports:**

**AVMA Update – Dr. René Carlson**

Dr. René Carlson presented an update on AVMA benefits to members. These include products and services, advocacy, and accreditation. There are many benefits within products and services including new economic analyses and reports, the annual AVMA convention, AVMA insurance, SCAVMA, and many others. In advocacy there is involvement with legislation in Washington, DC; and within accreditation the AVMA reviews the educational standards for Veterinary Schools and Veterinary Technician programs. It was also reported that Dr. Ron DeHaven is retiring after 10 years of serving and leading the AVMA.

Dr. Carlson also reported on activities in World Veterinary Association. There are five major areas of emphasis including: 1) veterinary education; 2) continuing education for veterinarians; 3) zoonotic diseases; 4) pharmaceutical stewardship; and 5) partnerships with other organizations.

**WVMA Representative – Dr. Kevin Landorf**

Dr. Kevin Landorf was not present, but sent a report on several WVMA topics of interest which was read by Dr. Helene Keily.

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, the WVMA executive board met at the Crown Plaza in Madison.

- Attorney Jordan Lamb who represents the WVMA gave a legislative update. Jordan has written a letter to the Executive Director of Wisconsin's Controlled Substances Board asking for clarification in several areas regarding controlled substances.
  - 1) Whether Wisconsin's Controlled Substances Act requires every licensed veterinarian who administers or dispenses a controlled substance (other than by issuance of a prescription) to obtain his/her own DEA registration. It has been a struggle to receive guidance from DEA on these issues recently.
  - 2) Whether, under Wisconsin Law, a Wisconsin veterinary clinic may obtain its own DEA registration. In other words, can a veterinary clinic obtain a clinic DEA registration number?
  - 3) How long are we required to maintain logs of controlled substances? Jordan recommended keeping "as long as we can stand at this time"
- Jordan also clarified that our license numbers will change with renewal under DATCP. Those that renewed prior to January 1st 2016 will keep the same number until our next renewal. Those who renewed after January 1, 2016 already have a new license number. There is clarification about this topic in the June WVMA newsletter.
- Jordan is currently also working to protect veterinarians from those who practice without a license, who perform cosmetic surgeries on pets, and create a positive regulatory environment.

The 2016 WVMA Annual Convention will be held on Oct 13-16, 2016 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

- The NWVMA Sept 14<sup>th</sup> meeting is being planned for 3 hours during the afternoon of continuing education on small animal emergency medicine and an hour of continuing education in the evening on an equine topic.
- WI DATCP-Division of Animal Health has not offered TB certification in Eau Claire, WI as was anticipated. Members asked that our district request a Northwestern Wisconsin site for TB certification.
- The Food Armor CE program will be offered at UW-River Falls on July 8 & 9, 2016.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

**Continuing Education Program:**

Tom Bruenig and Steve Pavelski from SCR Dairy in Madison, WI presented an informative talk and demonstration on electronic monitoring of dairy cows. One application was for more precise heat detection, higher conception rates and improved reproduction. A second application was the monitoring of rumination activity for earlier detection of health problems in dairy cows.  
(presentation time: 7:45-8:45 PM).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Larry Baumann  
NWVMA Secretary/Treasurer