

**Minutes of the September 2016 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Clarion Hotel in Eau Claire, WI. There were 60 people in attendance.

**Business Meeting:**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Helene Keily at 7:25 PM.

**Introduction of Guests:**

Dr. Jon Engstrom, DVM & evening speaker from Stillwater Equine Veterinary Clinic, Stillwater, MN  
Dr. Erin Lokken, DVM from Oakwood Hills Animal Hospital, Eau Claire, WI  
Dr. Brooke Wehr, DVM from Barron Veterinary Clinic, Barron, WI  
Courtney Scalzo, CVT from Barron Veterinary Clinic, Barron, WI  
Dr. Kathy Rausch, DVM from the Animal Emergency and Referral Center (AERC), Oakdale, MN  
(Dr. Rausch was one of three afternoon speakers at our “Small Animal Emergency Medicine Update” program held today, from 3-6 PM)

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$5600 in the checking account.

**Reports:**

**AVMA Update** – Dr. René Carlson was not present

**WVMA Representative** – Dr. Kevin Landorf

Dr. Kevin Landorf reported on several items from the WVMA summer meeting held at the School of Veterinary Medicine in Madison.

- The School of Veterinary Medicine is outgrowing its clinical space and physical facility. Plans are being discussed for expansion.
- The WVMA Food Armor program is being operated as a separate entity from the WVMA, which will allow it to become a national program and generate revenue.
- The Veterinary Licensing Board is now under the Department of Ag, Trade & Consumer Protection. A backlog of complaints related to performing procedures without a veterinary license is being investigated.
- The Humane Society of the United States is pushing for legislation requiring veterinarians to mandatory report any suspicion of animal cruelty. The WVMA does not support this legislation.
- The WVMA has discussed with the Auctioneers Association in Wisconsin the concern of selling prescription veterinary drugs at auction. The WVMA is encouraging a stop to this practice.
- The 2016 WVMA Annual Convention will be held on Oct 13-16, 2016 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison.
- Consider supporting the WVMA PAC to help support the WVMA in the legislative arena.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

- There will be a Zoetis sponsored veterinary meeting on immunology featuring Dr. Vic Cortese, to be held Sept 19<sup>th</sup> in Baldwin.
- Veterinary Clinics are receiving increased attention from OSHA. The issue was discussed and Mr. Hunt Lacey from Henry Schein was identified as a resource person. OSHA compliance in the veterinary clinic may be a topic for a future meeting.
- NWVMA winter meeting will be held on Dec 7, 2016 at the Clarion Hotel in Eau Claire. A veterinarian working with dog sled races will be the speaker. All are invited.

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

**Continuing Education Program:**

Dr. Jon Engstrom from the Stillwater Equine Veterinary Clinic in Stillwater, MN presented an informative talk on handling equine emergencies. Topics included equine choke, equine colic, and tick-borne diseases in horses. (presentation time: 8-9 PM).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Larry Baumann  
NWVMA Secretary/Treasurer