

Minutes of the December 2016 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 7th, 2016 at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center in Eau Claire WI. There were 44 people in attendance.

Business Meeting:

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Helene Keily at 7:30 PM.

Introduction of Guests:

Dr. Kim O'Callaghan, veterinarian and evening speaker from the Twin Cities.

Dr. Vanessa Meyer, new associate veterinarian at the Lake Wissota Animal Hospital.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the September 2016 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$7018 in the checking account.

Reports:

AVMA & WVA Updates – Dr. René Carlson

- Dr. René Carlson presented an update from the AVMA. This past August, the AVMA House of Delegates discussed three priority issues: 1) support for large animal practitioners; 2) cyberbullying; & 3) student debt. An AVMA Food Security Global Summit will be held on Feb 9-11, 2017 in Washington, DC. Cyberbullying and wellness resources are available to veterinarians at AVMA@work blog. Student debt was addressed in an AVMA Summit last April.
- Dr. Carlson also reported on the strategic plan and activities in the World Veterinary Association. There are five major areas of emphasis including: 1) animal welfare; 2) pharmaceutical stewardship; 3) veterinary education; 4) zoonotic diseases; and 5) organizational growth and partnerships. The next WVA Congress will be held in Incheon, South Korea on Aug 27-31, 2017. More details on these topics covered by Dr. Carlson can be found on our website: www.nwvma.org.

WVMA Representative - Dr. Kevin Landorf

Dr. Kevin Landorf reported on several items.

- The annual WVMA Convention in October was a successful event and offered an excellent continuing education opportunity. The next WVMA Annual Convention will be in October 2017.
- The WVMA has established a working relationship and alliance with OSHA. Contact WVMA Executive Director Kim Brown Pokorny for more information. Kim will be speaking at our March 2017 membership meeting.
- Controlled substances and drugs for animals have the potential for human abuse. This abuse can be minimized by writing drug prescriptions to be filled at human pharmacies which use a national database to track prescriptions to prevent drug abuse.
- AVMA Practice Profitability Sessions will be held Mar 25-26, 2017 at the Monona Terrace Conference Center, Madison, WI. Register for up to two people per practice to attend.
- A balance of work-life issues are important for veterinarians. Resources are available from the AVMA as mentioned by Dr. Carlson.
- Contributions to the PAC are welcomed to help advocate for veterinary medicine.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

- Dr. Holly Taylor, is the new veterinary pathologist hired at the WVDL-Barron Animal Health Lab and started last month.

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- Dr. Eric Bohl updated members about the occurrence of Salmonella heidelberg which is zoonotic and causing illness in humans. The source of this bacteria is supposedly coming from dairy calves. Dr. Eric Bohl also mentioned an increased occurrence of the Seneca Valley virus in hogs which clinically looks similar to Foot and Mouth Disease and has our Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostic veterinarians busy with investigations.
- Dr. Larry Baumann mentioned a pilot program for testing and screening for tetracyclines in bulk tank milk starting January 2017.

Election of Officers: President Dr. Helene Keily 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. The final nominations for each position included:

- President: Dr. Eb Ballinger, from Cornell, WI
- President-Elect: Dr. Meg Mueller, Osseo, WI
- Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Larry Baumann, River Falls, WI
- District Director (2 yr term): Dr. Jennifer Bauer, Menomonie, WI

Dr. Keily asked for a “white-ballot” to elect this slate of officers. The motion was made and seconded. The slate of officers was elected on a voice vote.

Wrap-Up: Dr. Helene Keily thanked everyone for the privilege of serving as president this past year and turned the gavel over to newly elected president, Dr. Eb Ballinger. Dr. Ballinger thanked Dr. Keily for her year of service as president and presented her with a plaque of appreciation.

Door Prize: The door prize (a hand-carved wood, key chain holder, donated by Dr. Dan Goller) was won by Dr. Michelle Kissner Johnson from Eau Claire, WI.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Continuing Education Program:

Dr. Kim O’Callaghan, veterinarian from the Twin Cities gave a presentation on “Sled Dog Veterinary Medicine”. She highlighted her experiences while working as a veterinarian for several major sled dog race competitions over the past several years. (presentation time: 8:15-9:15 PM).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Larry Baumann
NWVMA Secretary-Treasurer