

## **Minutes of the March 2017 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Horizons Banquet Center in Tilden, WI. There were 35 people in attendance.

### **Business Meeting:**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Eb Ballinger at 7:40 PM.

### **Introduction of Guests:**

Kim Pokorny, WVMA Executive Director from WVMA in Madison, WI

Dr. Martha Pott, veterinarian in Hudson, WI

Julie Niekamp, veterinary assistant with Dr. Pott in Hudson, WI

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$5258 in the checking account and reviewed the NWVMA Financial Report for 2016 as printed in the March 2017 newsletter. The NWVMA had a net gain of \$1722 in 2016.

### **Reports:**

**AVMA Update –** Dr. Rene Carlson (expanded details available on our website: [www.nwvma.org](http://www.nwvma.org))

Dr. Rene Carlson updated members on several AVMA issues.

- Global Food Security Summit held in Washington, DC in Feb 2017,
- Advocacy on issues involving drug compounding, fairness to pet owners, veterinary medicine loan repayment program, etc,
- Economics, including expanded economic reports and practice management tools,
- Professional Development including professional wellness, career transitions, and cyberbullying.

Dr. Rene Carlson updated members on several WVA issues.

- Animal Welfare, zoonotic diseases, veterinary education, etc
- Animal Health Matters website.

AVMA Convention will be held July 21-25, 2017 in Indianapolis, IN

**WVMA Representative –** Dr. Kevin Landorf

Dr. Kevin Landorf reported on several WVMA activities.

- The WVMA held an executive board meeting on January 17-18, 2017,
- The DATCP and the Veterinary Exam Board are catching up on the back-log of complaints,
- WVMA has a Help Line for veterinarians to support professional wellness,
- The “Food Armor” program received a grant to provide its training workshops to 4<sup>th</sup> year veterinary students,
- The UW-SVM is fund-raising for its building expansion campaign,
- The WVMA will be offering a seminar “What’s Your Piece in Animal Welfare?”, held at the Madison Marriott West, contact the WVMA.
- The 2017 WVMA Annual Convention will be held on Oct 12-14, 2017 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

### **New Business:**

- Dr. Holly Taylor, new veterinary pathologist at the WVDL-Barron sent her regrets that she could not attend this meeting, but will plan to join us at our next meeting,
- Dr. Helene Keily provided an update on plans for our fall membership meeting to be held on September 20, 2017 in Eau Claire and feature 4 hours of dermatology topics.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

**Continuing Education Program:**

Kim Pokorny, WVMA Executive Director, provided an informative update on several important issues affecting veterinarians and veterinary medicine. These included updates on the Veterinary Exam Board activities, changes in veterinary continuing education requirements, activities by the WVMA legal counsel, the WVMA Professional Assistance program, prescription drugs and drug abuse, the One Health Initiative, the WVMA-OSHA alliance, VFD and other topics.  
(presentation time: 8:20-9:15 PM).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Larry Baumann  
NWVMA Secretary/Treasurer