

Minutes of the June 12th 2024 Membership Meeting of the Northwestern Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, Inc.

The summer membership meeting of the Northwestern Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, Inc. was held on June 12th, 2024 at the Rolling Oaks Supper Club in Barron, WI. There were 26 people in attendance.

Business Meeting:

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President, Dr. Guy Jodarski at 6:02 PM.

Introduction of Guests:

- Dr. Carol Cardona, evening speaker and veterinarian from the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine (UM-CVM).
- Dr. Rosemary Marusak, evening speaker and veterinarian also from the UM-CVM.
- Dr. Maggie Highland from WVDL - Madison.
- Amanda Plahuta, CVT with Cornell Veterinary Clinic.
- Several spouses of veterinarians in attendance were introduced.

Reports:

WVMA Report – Dr. Meg Mueller, WVMA President

Current WVMA activities and plans:

- Proposed Board Representative changes - by practice type, etc.
- “Reconnect the Vets” event in Plover, WI on July 15th.
- A “Zoo School” continuing education program is also being planned for this October in Milwaukee.

WVDL-Barron Update – Tours of the facility were held starting at 4 PM - several members attended. Dr. Maggie Highland reported for WVDL as Dr. Holly Taylor was on vacation. Testing of bovine milk by PCR is being run M, W, F at the Madison lab for H5N1 virus diagnostic testing, and to satisfy requirements for interstate movement (or intrastate movement to fairs & shows) of lactating cattle. Updates of the facility at Barron were discussed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Discussed September NWVMA meeting ideas.

Adjournment: Dr. Guy Jodarski thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM. A meal and continuing education program followed.

Continuing Education Program:

Dr. Carol Cardona, a veterinary virologist from the University of Minnesota-College of Veterinary Medicine, spoke about the H5N1 Influenza A virus, its ability to infect many different species, and its current infection in dairy cows. Dr. Rosemary Marusak followed with additional information on preventing the spread of the Influenza A virus. (started at 7:15 PM and finished at 8:15 PM).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Larry Baumann
NWVMA Secretary-Treasurer