

## **Minutes of the September 11<sup>th</sup> 2024 Membership Meeting of the Northwestern Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, Inc.**

The fall membership meeting of the Northwestern Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, Inc. was held on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the 29 Pines Conference Center north of Eau Claire, WI. There were 32 people in attendance.

### **Business Meeting:**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President-Elect, Dr. Margaret McDougall at 6:17 PM.

**Introduction of the other NWVMA Board Members:** Dr. Jodarski, Dr. Mueller, Dr. Baumann, Dr. Durst, Dr. Peterson and Dr. Jones-Witthuhn

### **Introduction of Guests:**

- Jo-ell Carson, WVMA Executive Director
- Dr. Robert Forbes, afternoon speaker on urinalysis
- Dr. Nikko Grossapoulos, afternoon speaker on osteoarthritis
- Dr. Alisse Mawrence, evening speaker on parasites
- Trent Gabler, Zoetis rep
- Austin Martindale, Elanco Animal Health rep

### **Reports:**

**WVMA Report** – presented by Jo-ell Carson, WVMA Executive Director

Current WVMA activities and plans:

- State legislators running for re-election are having ‘Meet & Greet’ informal gatherings throughout the state. Veterinarians are encouraged to attend and get to know their local legislators. Dr. Jim Schmidt reported on such an event he attended in Woodville on August 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The WVMA Board is updating the WVMA Bylaws.
- An H5N1 Influenza A Update CE webinar was hosted yesterday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, by the WVMA. All WVMA members have access to these online CE programs as part of their annual dues.
- The “Zoo School” continuing education program at the Milwaukee County Zoo on October 11<sup>th</sup> still has some open seats available. Deadline to register is September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**WVDL-Barron Update** – No report

**Unfinished Business:** None

### **New Business:**

Dr. Larry Baumann presented some updates of interest to veterinarians:

- Effective November 5, 2024, newly applied cattle and bison official ID tags must have a visual and electronic component. The 840 RFID tags will meet this requirement.
- Cats with neurologic clinical signs should be considered suspect for rabies, herpesvirus, calicivirus AND H5N1 Influenza A virus.
- The AABP published guidelines for using Veterinary Technicians in Large Animal practice.
- Dog import requirements have been updated by the CDC. The WVMA had a CE webinar on Aug 27<sup>th</sup> about these updates. It is available on the WVMA website, and free for members.
- The AVMA House of Delegates at the annual AVMA meeting in Austin, TX in June, updated the AVMA’s “Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics” document and the AVMA policy on “Judicial Therapeutic Use of Antimicrobials”
- World Rabies Day is September 28, 2024.
- There has been an increase in rabies in Minnesota. More cases have been seen in skunks and cattle. We all need to be on the alert for rabies.

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM. A buffet dinner and continuing education program followed.

### **Continuing Education Program:**

Dr. Alisse Mawrence, a Technical Services veterinarian with Elanco Animal Health spoke about common parasites in dogs and cats. She emphasized the zoonotic concerns with some of these parasites and reviewed effective control and treatment options. (started at 6:50 PM and finished at 7:50 PM).

Respectfully submitted, Dr. Larry Baumann, NWVMA Secretary-Treasurer