

Minutes of the December 11th 2024 Membership Meeting of the Northwestern Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, Inc.

The winter membership meeting of the Northwestern Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, Inc. was held on December 11th, 2024 at the Horizons Conference Center north of Chippewa Falls, WI. There were 46 people in attendance.

Business Meeting:

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President, Dr. Guy Jodarski at 6:15 PM.

Introduction of Members and Guests:

- Everyone in attendance introduced themselves and stated where they were from as the microphone was passed around the tables,
- Dr. Kim Ammann, was introduced as our evening speaker on wild raptors.

Reports:

NWVMA Report – Dr. Jodarski thanked everyone for attending this evening’s meeting and reviewed how attendance at our membership meetings has been increasing over the past two years.

WVMA Report – Dr. Meg Mueller, WVMA President

- The WVMA “Zoo School” was held at the Milwaukee County Zoo on October 11th and was a huge success,
- The WVMA bylaw changes are open for online voting. Go to the WVMA website to vote. The WVMA board has been working on these updates for the past two years and the membership is encouraged to vote yes to accept these updates,
- The annual WVMA membership meeting will be held online on Thursday, December 19th at noon, and
- Dr. Meg Mueller was thanked for her service as WVMA president this past year.

WVDL-Barron Update – Jill Fries, WVDL-Barron Lab Supervisor

- H5N1 virus testing is being done to detect the virus in various species
- EIA testing for horses will become very busy after January 1st. Be sure to have the forms filled out correctly and completely,
- Jill is retiring on Jan 17, 2025 and a Receiving Technician will be hired in her place. We all thanked her work at the WVDL and wished her well in retirement.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Dr. Guy Jodarski presented an update on the H5N1 virus in dairy cattle.

- California has wide spread outbreaks in their dairy herds. Approximately one-third of the dairy herds in the state of California have had a positive diagnosis for the virus.
- Last Friday, Dec 6th, the USDA issued a new federal order called the National Milk Testing Strategy (NMTS) requiring raw milk samples to be collected from milk silos and tested for the H5N1 virus and antibodies to the virus.

Election of Officers: President Dr. Guy Jodarski called for the election of new officers.

President: Dr. Margaret McDougall was nominated. Additional nominations were called for, but none received.

President-Elect: Dr. Kayleigh Bull was nominated. Additional nominations were called for, but none received.

Secretary: Dr. Larry Baumann was nominated. Additional nominations were called for, but none received.

District Director for 2 years: Dr. Anna Peterson was nominated. Additional nominations were called for, but none received.

The following slate of officers for 2025 were elected by an unanimous voice vote.

- President: Dr. Margaret McDougall, Eau Claire, WI
- President-Elect: Dr. Kayleigh Bull, Eau Claire, WI
- Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Larry Baumann, River Falls, WI
- District Director (2 yr term): Dr. Anna Peterson, Poplar, WI

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM. A buffet dinner and continuing education program followed.

Continuing Education Program:

Dr. Kim Ammann, a veterinarian from the Winged Freedom Raptor Hospital in Spooner, WI gave a presentation on wild raptors. She is a licensed wildlife rehabilitator and serves multiple counties in Northwest Wisconsin. Bald eagles are the main type of raptor brought to her clinic in Spooner. She gave a very informative presentation and shared some of the common types of injuries and issues she deals with in raptors. (started at 7:10 PM and finished at 8:15 PM).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Larry Baumann
NWVMA Secretary-Treasurer