

Minutes of the March 12th 2025 Membership Meeting of the Northwestern Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, Inc.

The spring membership meeting of the Northwestern Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, Inc. was held on March 12th, 2025 at Jake's Supper Club north of Menomonie, WI. There were 63 people in attendance.

Business Meeting:

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

Introduction of Members and Guests:

- NWVMA Board members were introduced by the president,
- Jo-ell Carson, WVMA Exec Director, was introduced,
- Dr. Vicki Wilke and Mindy Bogie, our evening speakers, were introduced,
- Other guests in attendance were introduced.

Approval of Minutes:

- Dr. Larry Baumann gave a summary of the last meeting on December 11th, 2024. The full meeting minutes are available on our NWVMA website. President, Dr. Margaret McDougall asked for any corrections or additions, and hearing none, declared the minutes approved.

Reports:

NWVMA Treasurer's Report – Dr. Baumann reported the current balance in the checking account and thanked everyone for paying their 2025 membership dues.

WVMA Report – Jo-ell Carson, WVMA Executive Director

- Ag Day at the Capital in Madison will be held on Wednesday, March 26th. Members are encouraged to attend. They will meet with their local legislative representatives. The WVMA is supporting a bill for state funding/loan forgiveness for veterinarians working in under-served areas of Wisconsin,
- The WVMA has arranged a continuing education event at Vortex Optics in Barneveld, WI on May 2nd. This will incorporate firearms training for veterinarians doing euthanasia of large animals,
- At the federal level, the bill to exempt veterinarians from using ketamine as a controlled substance did not pass. The AVMA is continuing to work on legislation for veterinarians.
- WVMA 're-connect' events are being planned again this summer.
- Wisconsin veterinary licenses will expire at the end of December 2025. Veterinarians are required to have 30 continuing education credits at each biennial license renewal. The WVMA will continue to offer CE webinars on a regular basis. See the WVMA Voice newsletter or the WVMA website for announcements and details. Archived WVMA webinars are available on the WVMA website for no additional cost to WVMA members.

WVDL-Barron Update – Dr. Baumann gave a brief update.

- Jill Fries retired from WVDL-Barron on January 17, 2025 and Lindsey Smith is now the supervisor and main contact person at the WVDL-Barron lab.
- The expansion/construction plan for the WVDL-Barron facility is slowly moving forward.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- President, Dr. Margaret McDougall asked for any new business from the membership.
- Long-time NWVMA member, Dr. Dan Winger from Cadott passed away on Feb 22, 2025,
- NWVMA Life Members in attendance were recognized and thanked for their years of support.

Adjournment:

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

Continuing Education Program:

Dr. Vicki Wilke, a veterinarian and board-certified surgeon, and Mindy Bogie, a veterinary technician certified in canine rehabilitation, from the Glenwood City Veterinary Clinic spoke on "Cruciate Disease in Dogs". They discussed when to do surgery and how to rehabilitate dogs with cruciate injury. (started at 6:50 PM and finished at 8:00 PM).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Larry Baumann

NWVMA Secretary-Treasurer