

## **Minutes of the June 11<sup>th</sup> 2025 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Whitetail Golf Course south of Colfax, WI. There were 48 people in attendance.

### **Business Meeting:**

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

### **Introduction of Members and Guests:**

- NWVMA Board members were introduced,
- Jo-ell Carson, WVMA Exec Director, was introduced,
- Dr. Jon Springer, veterinarian from Centuria, WI was introduced,
- Dr. Emily Massie, veterinarian from Springbrook, WI was introduced,
- Mr. Eric Hauk and Ms Bridget Kessey were introduced by Dr. Al Horvath,
- Dr. Jolene Tourville and Dr. Holly Taylor, our evening speakers, were also introduced

### **Approval of Minutes:**

- Dr. Larry Baumann gave a summary of the last meeting from March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The full meeting minutes are available on our NWWVMA website. Dr. Guy Jodarski asked for any corrections or additions and seeing none, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. They were approved on a voice vote.

### **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

- The WVMA continuing education event at Vortex Optics in Barneveld, WI held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> was well attended and well received.
- The next big WVMA continuing education event is on October 3, 2025 at the International Crane Foundation in Baraboo, WI. Stay tuned for more information.
- The First-Year Student Orientation Lunch at the SVM will be held on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025. All veterinarians are welcome to sign up to visit with and have lunch with the new SVM students.
- The WVMA Leadership Conference will be held Nov 7, 2025 at the Monona Terrace in Madison.
- The WVMA is supporting a bill for state funding/loan forgiveness for veterinarians working in under-served areas of Wisconsin, but is on hold because no new state legislation is being introduced,
- WVMA online continuing education programs are offered on a regular basis. The next online CE program is on June 19<sup>th</sup> at noon, and will cover the three new guidance documents from the Veterinary Exam Board (VEB),
- 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.
- The WVMA Board is implementing the new bylaws that were approved by the WVMA membership last December.

**WVDL-Barron Update** – Lindsey Smith, WVDL-Barron supervisor gave an update.

- The expansion/construction plan for the WVDL-Barron facility is slowly moving forward. Plans are for the UW-Board of Regents approval, and then appointment of a construction manager. More activity is anticipated in 2026.
- It has been a busy season for EIA testing at the WVDL-Barron Laboratory.

**Unfinished Business:** None

### **New Business:**

- Dr. Jodarski reminded everyone that the H5N1 Influenza virus is still with us. There have been outbreaks in poultry flocks, and western dairy herds. The WVDL-Madison Laboratory plans to test the bulk tank milk from every dairy herd in Wisconsin once per month. Thus far WVDL has tested roughly 1/3 of the approximately 5,300 Wisconsin dairy herds and all have been negative.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM. A buffet dinner and continuing education program followed.

**Continuing Education Program:**

Dr. Jolene Tourville, a veterinarian from Centuria, WI and former veterinarian at Jennie-O Foods, presented a 40-minute overview on diagnosing and treating backyard poultry. Dr. Holly Taylor, pathologist at the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in Barron followed with several case studies on common poultry diseases. (started at 7:00 PM and finished at 8:00 PM).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Larry Baumann

NWVMA Secretary-Treasurer