

Minutes of the September 10th 2025 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 10th, 2025 at the Phoenix Grill & Event Center in Baldwin, WI. There were 62 people in attendance.

Business Meeting:

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President, Dr. Margaret McDougall at 6:30 PM.

Introduction of Members and Guests:

- NWVMA Board members were introduced,
- Dr. Andres Rogen, speaker from Vet Eye Pros, Eagan, MN was introduced,
- Ms. Donna Norman, Jorvet representative, displaying ICARE Tonovet® equipment was introduced.

Approval of Minutes:

- Dr. Larry Baumann gave a brief summary of the last meeting on June 11th, 2025. The full meeting minutes are available on our NWVMA website (www.nwvma.org). Dr. Margaret McDougall asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes, and seeing none, approved them as read.

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 – Dr. Meg Mueller, WVMA Past-President and WVMA Board Member

- Dr. Mueller will be finishing her service on the WVMA Board in December 2025. Any members interested in serving on the WVMA Board should contact Dr. Mueller or the WVMA office. The WVMA will be electing a new representative to serve a three-year term starting in 2026 according to the new WVMA bylaws approved last December.
- “Flight School” is the next WVMA continuing education event and will be held on October 3, 2025 at the International Crane Foundation in Baraboo, WI. More information on the WVMA website and in the WVMA newsletter.
- The WVMA Leadership Conference will be held Nov 7, 2025 at the Monona Terrace in Madison. Contact the WVMA office if interested in attending.
- The WVMA is supporting a bill for state funding/loan forgiveness for veterinarians working in underserved areas of Wisconsin. It is planned to be introduced in the next state legislation session starting in January 2026.
- The WVMA is working with the Wisconsin Ag Coalition in supporting or opposing certain DATCP regulation changes being proposed.
- 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 –no representative and no update.

Unfinished Business:

- Dr. Doris Durst gave an update on the Winged Freedom Raptors. Over 200 raptor birds have been admitted so far this year, which is a record. They currently have 49 raptors and over half of them are bald eagles. Several hawks have been treated for West Nile Virus. The eagle with the leg injury that was discussed at our December 2024 meeting, received a fish skin graft, nursing care for 10 months and released on June 10, 2025.

New Business:

- Dr. McDougall asked for any new business from the members. None received.
- Dr. McDougall announced some upcoming dates:
 - o Oct 18-25, 2025 is National Veterinary Technician Week,
 - o Sep 15-19, 2025 is Fungal Awareness Week,
 - o Sep 28, 2025 is World Rabies Day,
 - o Oct 1, 2025 - a forum on birds at UW-Eau Claire in which Dr. McDougall will be participating.

- Dr. McDougall mentioned the passing of several NWVMA life members:
 - o Dr. Peter Matthews from Chippewa Falls, age 94, passed away on July 24, 2025,
 - o Dr. Mark Nelson from Centuria, age 77, passed away on Aug 3, 2025,
 - o Dr. Rod Zachary from Chetek, age 97, passed away on Aug 29, 2025
- Our NWVMA elections will take place at our December 10th meeting. Anyone interested in serving on the NWVMA Board is welcome and encouraged to contact one of our current officers.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM and a continuing education program followed.

Continuing Education Program:

Dr. Andrew Rogen a board-certified veterinary ophthalmologist from Vet Eye Pros in Eagan, MN, presented two one-hour talks. The first talk was on “Corneal Ulcers” and the second talk was on “Eye Surgeries”. (started at 7:00 PM and finished at 9:00 PM).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Larry Baumann

NWVMA Secretary-Treasurer