

## **Minutes of the March 11<sup>th</sup> 2026 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the Holiday Inn South in Eau Claire, WI. There were 48 people in attendance.

### **Business Meeting:**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President, Dr. Kayleigh Bull at 6:05 PM.

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

- NWVMA Board members were introduced,
  - o Dr. Kayleigh Bull,
  - o Dr. Tim Engel,
  - o Dr. Larry Baumann,
  - o Dr. Elroy Roedel,
  - o Dr. Tawna Snyder,
  - o Dr. Margaret McDougall,
  - o Dr. Anna Peterson (absent),
- Dr. Jen Nemec, WVMA Board Member from Granton, WI was introduced,
- Melissa Werner (Papantonatos), CVT from Eau Claire, our evening speaker, was introduced,
- Kim Rucks from Purina Pro Plan, an exhibitor and co-sponsor of the meeting, was introduced,
- Angela Crowley from Royal Canin, an exhibitor and co-sponsor of the meeting, was introduced.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

- Dr. Larry Baumann gave a summary of the last meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The full meeting minutes are available on our NWWVMA website. President, Dr. Kayleigh Bull asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes, and hearing none, declared the minutes approved.

### **Reports:**

**NWVMA Treasurer's Report** – Dr. Larry Baumann reported the current balance in the checking account.

**WVMA Report** – Dr. Elroy Roedel, WVMA Board Member

- The Wisconsin Veterinary Loan Repayment bill passed the state legislature (32-1 in the Senate & 89-7 in the House) and is awaiting the governor's signature. The governor is expected to sign this legislation. The current bill does not include any funding, so the next step is to request funding in the 2027 session.
- The UW-SVM Blue Coat Ceremony for third year veterinary students will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Rustic Reboot, a WVMA CE and social event is planned for May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Woodside Ranch in Mauston, WI. There will be 5 credits of CE plus a cookout, rides and an ice cream social.
- The Ag Coalition will again be putting together 'Engage with Ag Series' events this summer at local farms between July and September for legislators. The WVMA will be asking local veterinarians to attend.
- The new student orientation at the UW-WVM will be held on August 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Zoo School, a WVMA CE event, will be offered again this year at the Milwaukee County Zoo on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**WVDL-Barron Update** – no representative in attendance and no report

**Unfinished Business:** None

### **New Business:**

- President, Dr. Kayleigh Bull asked for any new business from the membership,
- President, Dr. Kayleigh Bull asked members if we should continue our NWWVMA website and discussion followed. Dr. Larry Baumann reported that the NWWVMA website only receives 10-12 'hits' per month and costs our association \$200 per year to keep and maintain it. Some members said they look at it and others said they do not look at it. Dr. Bull said the Board will continue to evaluate the future of the website.
- Board member, Dr. Tawna Snyder, suggested a veterinary student sponsorship idea whereby veterinarians in our district would invite a veterinary student who might be home for the summer to our June membership meeting and pay for their meal. She knows students in the UW-SVM that would post an announcement to let veterinary students know.
- Dr. Larry Baumann reminded everyone to be alert and on the look-out for Avian Influenza in any type of poultry birds. The Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus is currently causing outbreaks in Wisconsin commercial flocks and has been traced back to HPAI in migratory birds and fowl.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM. A buffet dinner and continuing education program followed.

**Continuing Education Program:**

Melissa Werner (Papantonatos), a veterinary technician with a specialty in nutrition, from the Oakwood Hill Animal Hospital in Eau Claire gave a presentation on “Nutrition That Works”. The presentation included practical feeding recommendations, developing individualized feeding plans for patients, the use of feeding tubes, and other nutrition-related advice. (started at 7:05 PM and finished at 8:05 PM).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Larry Baumann  
NWVMA Secretary-Treasurer