

Minutes of the June 10th 2026 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 10th, 2026 at the Whitetail Golf Course in Colfax, WI. There were 45 people in attendance.

Business Meeting:

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President, Dr. Kayleigh Bull at 6:03 PM.

Introduction of Members and Guests:

- Dr. Molly Reineke, a veterinarian from Altoona was introduced,
- Dr. Donna Rued, a veterinarian from Glenwood City was introduced,
- Dr. Nancy Lester, a veterinarian from Eau Claire was introduced,
- Dr. Earl Monson was in attendance and announced he has been an NWVMA member for 62 years,
- Dr. Dick Jones-Witthuhn introduced two guests from his clinic,
- Dr. Tawna Snyder introduced three guests from her clinic,
- Dr. Kayleigh Bull introduced three guests from her clinic,
- Dr. Savannah Heath introduced two guests from her clinic.

Approval of Minutes:

- Dr. Larry Baumann gave a summary of the last meeting on March 11th, 2025. The full meeting minutes are available on our NWVMA 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 UW-SVM Blue Coat Ceremony for third year veterinary students was held on April 11th. There were 95 students that received their blue coats.
- Rustic Reboot, a WVMA CE and social event was held on May 15th at the Woodside Ranch in Mauston, WI. It included a CE program, a cookout, rides and an ice cream social. There were about 70 people in attendance.
- The Ag Coalition has planned some 'Engage with Ag Series' events this summer at local farms. A host farm in our area is the Bomaz Farm in Hammond on July 23rd. Local veterinarians are invited and encouraged to attend.
- The UW-SVM new incoming student orientation will be held on August 26th between 11:30 AM and 2 PM. Veterinarians are encouraged to attend and meet new incoming veterinary students.
- Zoo School, a WVMA CE event, will be offered again this year at the Milwaukee County Zoo on September 25th. Registration will open on June 22nd. Register early because it will likely fill up.
- The WVMA will host an "Up-North Vet Connect" social event at the Manypenny Bistro in Bayfield on Monday, June 22nd from 6-8 PM.
- The Wisconsin Veterinary Loan Repayment bill passed the state legislature and was signed into law by the governor. The legislation did not include any funding, so the next step is to request our state legislators to fund this loan repayment program in the 2027 session.

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

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- President, Dr. Kayleigh Bull encouraged everyone to attend the WVMA "Up-North Vet Connect" social event in Bayfield on Monday, June 22nd.
- President, Dr. Kayleigh Bull asked for suggestions for future NWVMA meeting topics and speakers.
- President, Dr. Kayleigh Bull mentioned that the NWVMA Board members discussed the possibility of interacting more with veterinary technicians in our area and the possibility of adding a veterinary technician to our NWVMA Board.
- Dr. Guy Jodarski reminded everyone that the New World Screwworm has recently been detected in the southwest United States (Texas and New Mexico). Every veterinarian should be on the lookout for these invasive larvae in all type of animals that may have come from the southwestern states.

- President, Dr. Kayleigh Bull asked for any new business from the membership, and hearing none asked for a motion to adjourn.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM. A buffet dinner and continuing education program followed.

Continuing Education Program:

Heather Mischefske, a certified dog trainer from Eau Claire gave a presentation on “Canine Behavior”. The presentation included the effect of the environment during pregnancy, early development and adolescence, on brain development and the behavior in dogs. She emphasized the importance of factors that influence brain development in the young dog and their subsequent behavior. She gave suggestions on how to build resilience in the young dog that will help them develop desirable behaviors. (started at 7:15 PM and finished at 8:30 PM).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Larry Baumann
NWVMA Secretary-Treasurer