

MINNESOTA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
2829 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414
Conference Room A, Fourth Floor

AGENDA – BOARD MEETING
September 19, 2007
2:30 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Minutes of last meetings
3. Review and approve licenses
4. Combined Humane Society issues - Janelle Dixon
5. Meeting closed for disciplinary actions
6. Re-open
7. HPSP report - Susan Osman
8. NBVME report - Meg Glattly
9. AAVSB report - John King
10. Animal husbandry working group - John Lawrence
11. Board legislative plans for 2008
12. Christopher Johnson vs. MN Board of Veterinary Medicine - update
13. Budget update
14. CE application for approval
15. Old business
 - a) microchip
16. New business
 - a) supervision of temporary licensees
 - b) discussion of dog breed ban
17. Future meeting dates
18. Executive Director report
19. Adjourn

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING, September 19, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Meg Glattly, Dr. John Lawrence, Dr. Fred Mehr, Dr. Mike Murphy, Ms. Susan Osman, Dr. Joanne Schulman

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. John King and Donna Carolus, Staff; Susan Damon, Attorney General's Office, Janelle Dixon, Animal Humane Society, Dr. Theresa Hershey, MVMA, Mary Olympia, HPSP

The Board of Veterinary Medicine met on September 19, 2007, in Conference Room A, Fourth Floor, University Park Plaza, 2829 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN. President Joanne Schulman called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes of the May 9 regular board meeting and the special meetings on July 18 and August 22 were approved as written.

A list of applicants who have met all requirements for licensure was distributed. Dr. Murphy moved and Dr. Mehr seconded to license all the candidates.

Ms. Janelle Dixon, President and CEO of the recently merged humane societies, presented a proposed low-cost spay/neuter initiative. Since MN Stat. 319B, the Professional Firms Act, states only veterinarians can own veterinary practices, legislation will be introduced by the humane societies this session that will allow them to be exempt from the Professional Firms Act. Following discussion, Dr. Lawrence moved to allow Dr. King to review drafted language that would address the board's concerns of non-veterinary ownership of veterinary practices. Dr. Glattly seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Dixon will also work with the MVMA, and the board will convene a special board meeting if necessary to formulate a position..

Mary Olympia distributed HPSP information and gave an update on the program and the veterinary medicine participation.

The meeting was closed to discuss disciplinary matters.

Dr. Glattly moved and Dr. Murphy seconded to approve the Stipulation and Order signed by Dr. Rachel Kantola.. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Glattly moved and Dr. Lawrence seconded to approve the Stipulation and Order signed by Dr. Timothy Engel. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Mehr moved and Ms. Osman seconded to approve the Stipulation and Order signed by Dr. Roger Larson. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Mehr moved and Dr. Glattly seconded to approve the Stipulation and Order signed by Dr. Susan Hartley. Passed unanimously.

Meeting reopened.

Dr. Glattly gave an update on NBVME.

Dr. King gave an update on AAVSB.

Dr. Lawrence reported on the animal husbandry working group which is to develop recommendations to the Legislature related to animal chiropractic, equine teeth floating and artificial insemination. Members of the workgroup are:

Dr. Josie Gerard, Animal Chiropractor Specialist
Christopher Johnson, Equine Teeth Floater
Tom Tweeten, Minnesota Horse Council
Thom Peterson, Minnesota Farmers Union
Dennis Egan, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation
Dr. Jeff Reneau, University of Minnesota Extension Service
Dr. Julia Wilson, Veterinarian Specializing in Equine Dentistry
Dr. Pierce Fleming, Veterinarian Specializing in Animal Chiropractic
Dr. Kim Voller, Veterinarian Specializing in Artificial Insemination
Dr. John Lawrence, Representative from Board of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. King asked for direction regarding the board's legislation that passed the House last session but that was not heard in the Senate. Dr. Glattly moved to pursue in the Senate the language that was passed last year in the House. Dr. Mehr seconded. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

Dr. King gave an update on the status of the Chris Johnson lawsuit. If the Judge does not make a ruling based on the motions submitted, the case will go to trial in January, 2008. The Texas Board of Veterinary Medicine is now dealing with lay equine teeth floaters represented by the Institute for Justice.

Dr. King distributed budget information for the current fiscal year. Discussion followed regarding the Attorney General's policy on recovery of costs associated with contested cases. The practice act states that the board can impose a penalty up to \$10,000 per violation, but the Attorney General ruled that boards cannot recover attorney fees, nor expert witnesses unless the costs are itemized in detail.

A CE course approval request from the Minnesota Wildlife Assistance Cooperative was discussed. Dr. King will contact the cooperative to get qualifications of the presenters and will have a committee review the request to determine credit approval or denial.

A question was discussed regarding the handling of a case where a microchipped animal was scanned by a veterinarian and determined to belong to another owner. Under client confidentiality laws, can the vet legally tell the new owner that this cat has a chip registered to someone else, and/or can the registered owner be contacted? The client can be told that the animal is chipped and registered to someone else but the veterinarian cannot release the name of the registered owner or contact them.

The supervision requirement for temporary license holders (pending ECFVG) was discussed. Consensus was that either direct or indirect supervision is adequate.

Dr. King shared an email he received regarding possible proposed legislation regarding dangerous dog breeds. The board does not take a stand on this issue.

Dr. King presented plaques to Dr. Mehr and Ms. Osman in appreciation for their service as members of the board.

Tentative dates for 2008 board meeting were scheduled for January 30, May 14, September 17.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50.

Meg Glattly, DVM
Secretary-Treasurer