

Board of Veterinary Medicine
Secretary of State, Office of Professional Regulation
89 Main St, 3rd Floor, City Center, Montpelier, VT 05602
Approved Minutes
Meeting of February 13, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 A.M.

Members present: J. Drexel Wheeler, DVM, Chair; Paula Yankauskas, VMD, Vice-Chair (attended by telephone); Ryan Canales, MVB, Secretary; Linda Johnston, Public Member; Terry York, Public Member; and Crager J. Boardman, Jr, DVM

OPR Personnel present: Larry Novins, Board Counsel; Ronald Klein, Executive Officer and Aprille Morrison, Licensing Board Specialist.

Others Present: Karen Bradley, DVM

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the December 12, 2013 meeting. Dr. Wheeler requested #4 be amended to state "Dr. Haas requested approval for nineteen (19) hours of Continuing Veterinary Medical Education (CVME). Dr. Canales made a motion to approve Dr. Haas for twelve (12)..." Ms. York made a motion, seconded by Dr. Canales, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2013 meeting as amended. The motion passed.

3. **Case Managers Report:**

Carla Preston reported on the number of current cases. There are currently seven (7) pending cases. One (1) is set for hearing (being presented at the meeting today), three (3) are ready for Investigative Team meetings, two (2) are under investigation, and one (1) is pending charges being filed.

4. **Hearing/Stipulation and Consent Order:**

Stipulation and Consent Order 2011-504: Thomas Stuwe, DVM. Dr. Canales made a motion to accept the stipulation and consent order as presented. Dr. Boardman seconded the motion. Dr. Wheeler did not participate in the vote as he was the investigative team member. Ms. York did not participate in the vote. Motion passed.

5. **Continuing Veterinary Medical Education request:**

Dr. Boardman made a motion to approve Dr. Knutsen's request for twelve (12) hours of CVME approval for the course titled "Emergency & Critical Care". Dr. Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dr. Canales made a motion to approve CVC Washington, DC's request for CVME approval for all 2014 courses that are Registry of Approved Continuing Education (RACE) approved. Ms. York seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dr. Wheeler presented the Board members with an e-mail regarding the Vermont Health Task Force biennial training for agricultural accidents. Ms. Morrison will contact the individual requesting approval and request that they submit a formal request for approval for the April 2014 meeting.

6. **Other Business:**

National Veterinary Accreditation Program (NVAP) Accreditation renewal – is this applicable for Continuing Veterinary Medical Education (CVME) credits? Ms. Morrison has received several public inquiries regarding whether the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) accreditation education would be acceptable to use toward the required twenty-four (24) hours for Vermont license renewal. Mr. Boardman made a motion stating it is the opinion of the board that the USDA accreditation requirements do not meet the professional CVME standard the Board requires for license renewal and therefore may not be used to meet the CVME requirement for licensure renewal. Ms. York seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2014 meeting dates – Due to scheduling conflicts the office requested the Board change the time of their June 12, 2014 meeting from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. The Board was amenable to this. The discussion regarding the December, 2014 meeting date will be held at the April, 2014 meeting.

Mr. Klein received a question from the public regarding veterinary practice ownership. He wanted confirmation from the Board that an owner of a veterinary practice is not required to be a Veterinarian. Dr. Yankauskas provided the board with historical background relating to this question. The Board stated that Mr. Klein is correct.

Mr. Klein reminded the Board that the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) meeting is in September, 2014. At the April, 2014 meeting he would like the Board to appoint a delegate to attend this meeting.


Dr. Wheeler asked Mr. Klein if he knew whether the pharmacy board inspector could inspect a veterinary practice. Mr. Klein stated unless there was suspected diversion of controlled substances, the pharmacy board inspector did not inspect these facilities.

7. **Public Comment:**

Dr. Bradley spoke to the Board on behalf of the Vermont Veterinary Medical Association (VVMA). She informed the Board that the VVMA introduced a bill to Legislature, H.347, regarding amending the definition of Veterinary medical practice to include Veterinary dentistry. The Bill has passed the house and had moved on to the Senate.

8. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 10, 2014** at 9:00 AM.

9. Ms. Johnston made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Canales. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:12 am.


Ryan Canales, MVB, Secretary
Vermont Board of Veterinary Medicine


Ronald J. Klein, RPh, Executive Officer
Vermont Board of Veterinary Medicine