

Board of Veterinary Medicine
Secretary of State, Office of Professional Regulation
National Life Building, North, Floor 2, Montpelier, VT 05620-3402
Unapproved Minutes
Meeting of August 12, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M.

Members present: Mark A. Basol, DVM, Chairman; Ronald S. Svec, DVM, Secretary; J. Drexel Wheeler, DVM; Terry York; and Linda Johnston. Absent: Robert Bergmann, VMD, Vice-Chair.

OPR Personnel present: Larry S. Novins, Board Counsel; Edward Adrian, State Prosecuting Attorney; Carla Preston, Unit Administrator, and Kristy Kemp, Administrative Assistant.

Others present: Gene J. Courtright, DVM; Carlos Grady, DVM, MS, PhD, DACT, Expert; Samuel Hoar, Jr., Esq.; complainants, Meaghan Linehan, William Grimes and Janice Murphy Linehan.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the July 8th meeting. Dr. Svec made a motion, seconded by Ms. Johnston, to approve the Minutes of the July 8, 2010 meeting as presented. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Reports

4. Hearings/Stipulations and Consent Orders

At 9:30 A.M. the Board held a hearing in the matter of Gene J. Courtright, D.V.M., Docket Number 2009-155. The Respondent and his Attorney, Samuel Hoar, Jr., were present. Larry Novins presided for the Board. Edward Adrian represented the State. The Board voted to go into deliberative session at 11:00 A.M. and out at 12:10 A.M. A written decision will be issued.

5. Statute/Rulemaking

The Board tabled further discussion on the redraft of Rules.

6. Complaints/Follow-up cases

The Board reviewed follow-up cases.

7. The Board reviewed the following applicants for licensure and took action as indicated.

Ms. York made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wheeler, to formally approve the following applicants for licensure based on their completed applications. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Heidi M. Hemmett, D.V.M. (Examination)

Mark P. Murray, D.V.M. (Endorsement)

8. Continuing Veterinary Medical Education

The Board reviewed the following requests for approval of continuing professional education credit and took action as indicated.

- a. **“Northeast United States Animal Health Association (NEUSAHA) meeting”** submitted by Dr. Kristin Haas, requesting approval for thirteen and one half (13.5) hours of continuing professional education credit. The meeting was held May 3rd through May 5th of 2010. Based on the information provided, Ms. Johnston made a motion, seconded by Ms. York, to approve the meeting for 13.5 hours of continuing professional education credit. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. **“Pearls of Pain Management – With Case Examples”** submitted by Dr. Andrew Eschner with Merial, requesting approval for two (2) hours of continuing professional education credit. The lecture will be held on August 19, 2010. Based on the information provided, Dr. Svec made a motion, seconded by Ms. York, to approve the lecture for 2 hours of continuing professional education credit. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Newsletter

The Board reviewed the Newsletter that was recently mailed to all licensees.

10. Miscellaneous Correspondence

- a. The Board reviewed the email from Kathy Finnie with the Vermont Veterinary Medical Association (VVMA) regarding her response letter to Dr. Johnstone pertaining to the Veterinary Chiropractic Protocol. The Board noted that Ms. Finnie’s response was appropriate.
- b. The Board reviewed and noted other miscellaneous correspondence.

11. Other Business Introduced by the Board

The Board reviewed the CE audit responses. Letters will be mailed to the participants regarding the Boards findings.

13. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 14, 2010** at 9:00 AM. The last meeting in 2010 is scheduled for December 9th.

14. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Kemp, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Regulation