

**Board of Veterinary Medicine**  
Secretary of State, Office of Professional Regulation  
National Life Building, North, Floor 2, Montpelier, VT 05620-3402  
**Approved Minutes**  
**Meeting of April 12, 2012**

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:12 A.M.

Members present: Mark A. Basol, DVM, Chairman; J. Drexel Wheeler, DVM, Vice-Chair; Terry York; Robert L. Bergman, VMD, Secretary; Linda Johnston and Paula Yankauskas, VMD.

OPR Personnel present: Larry S. Novins, Board Counsel; S. Lauren Hibbert, State Prosecuting Attorney; Peter Comart, Licensing Administrator; Carla Preston, Case Manager and Kristy Pirie, Licensing Board Specialist.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dr. Bergman made a motion, seconded by Ms. York, to approve the Minutes of the February 9, 2012 meeting as written. The question was called and the motion passed.

3. **Hearings/Stipulations and Consent Orders:**

- a. The Board considered a Stipulation and Consent Order in the matter of Christopher Mangini, Docket Number 2009-460. Larry S. Novins presided for the Board. S. Lauren Hibbert was present for the State. The respondent was not present. The Board went into deliberative session at 9:18 A.M. and out at 9:20 A.M. The Board accepted the Stipulation and Consent Order as written. Dr. Basol, Investigating Member, did not participate in the vote.

- b. The Board considered a Stipulation and Consent Order in the matter of Jennifer L. Ruopp, Docket Number 2012-83. Larry S. Novins presided for the Board. S. Lauren Hibbert was present for the State. The respondent was not present. The Board went into deliberative session at 9:27 A.M. and out at 9:35 A.M. The Board accepted the Stipulation and Consent Order as written. Dr. Wheeler, Investigating Member, did not participate in the vote.

4. **Guests/Reports:** (None)

5. **Case Managers Report:**

Carla Preston, Case Manager, reported on current and follow-up cases.

There are currently 16 pending cases. 2 are set for hearing, 2 are ready for closing and 12 are under investigation.

6. **Statute/Rulemaking:**

The Board held an open discussion on its proposed changes to its Administrative Rules.

7. **Complaints/Reports of Concluded Investigation:**

- a. 2010-478 - The Board reviewed the Report of Concluded Investigation. Ms. York made a motion, seconded by Ms. Johnston, to accept the Investigative Team's recommendation and conclude the case without formal prosecution. Motion passed. Dr. Bergman, Investigating Member, did not participate in the vote.
- b. 2011-503 - The Board reviewed the Report of Concluded Investigation. Dr. Bergman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Yankauskas, to accept the Investigative Team's recommendation and conclude the case without formal prosecution. Motion passed. Ronald Svec, DVM, was the Investigative Team Member.

8. **Applications for Licensure:**

Dr. Bergman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wheeler, to formally approve the following applicants for licensure as a Veterinarian. Motion passed unanimously.

Elisabeth M. Girard, DVM (Endorsement)  
Laura J. Lyndes, DVM (Endorsement)  
Michele A. Martino, DVM (Endorsement)

9. **Continuing Veterinary Medical Education:**

The Board reviewed the following continuing professional education requests and took action as indicated.

- a. **"GBAVM Meeting"** submitted by Vermont Veterinary Internal Medicine, requesting approval for one (1) continuing veterinary medical education credit. The lecture was held on March 6, 2012. Based on the information provided, Dr. Bergman made a motion, seconded by Ms. York to approve the request for CVME credit. Motion passed
- b. **"Emergency Treatment and Procedures 201a"** submitted by Richard P. Saporito with OnlineContinuingEd, LLC, requesting approval for four (4) continuing veterinary medical education credits. The Board suggested RACE approval.
- c. **"Emergency Treatment and Procedures 201b"** submitted by Richard P. Saporito with OnlineContinuingEd, LLC, requesting approval for four (4) continuing veterinary medical education credits. The Board suggested RACE approval.
- d. **"Emergency Treatment and Procedures 201c"** submitted by Richard P. Saporito with OnlineContinuingEd, LLC, requesting approval for four (4) continuing veterinary medical education credits. The Board suggested RACE approval.
- e. **"Investigating Animal Cruelty"** submitted by Joanne Bourbeau with Vermont Humane Federation, requesting approval for twenty-one (21) continuing veterinary medical education credits. Based on the information provided, Dr. Bergman made a motion, seconded by Ms. York, to approve this program for four (4) hours of CVME as the Board allows for four (4) hours of various non-management credits. Motion passed.

- f. **“Agribultural Medicine: Occupational and Environmental Health for Rural Health Professions”** submitted by Eileen M. Wolfe, DVM, requesting approval for six and one half (6.5) continuing veterinary medical education credits. Based on the information provided, Dr. Bergman made a motion, seconded by Ms. York to approve the request for CVME credit. Motion passed.
10. **Miscellaneous Correspondence:** (None)
11. **Other Business Introduced by the Board:**  
The Board reviewed the continuing education audit responses.
12. **Public Comment:** (None)
13. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 14, 2012** at 9:00 AM.  
Meeting dates for 2012 are as follows: August 9<sup>th</sup>, October 11<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup>.
14. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 P.M.

  
Robert L. Bergman, VMD, Secretary  
Vermont Board of Veterinary Medicine