

2005 Fall WEPA Meeting

September 23, 2005

Held at Equine Veterinary Assoc., Elkhorn, WI

12:45 call to order by Paul Dlugopolski

Old Minutes presented: Motion to accept made by Dean Peterson, seconded by Howard Ketover. Accepted.

Secretary's Report: Old handouts are available.

Treasure's Report: Motion to accept made by Wayne LeVasseur, seconded by Judy Batker. Accepted.

Foundation Update: Presented by Dean Peterson. All necessary papers are ready to be submitted for foundation to get not-for-profit status from IRS. A "Non-Stock Corporation" is already in place in the state of Wisconsin. The educational fund dollars will be earmarked and kept separate from the funds used for daily operations. Dean Peterson is collecting the final paperwork for submission to the state.

Foundation Scholarship Applications: We will continue to deliver applications via E-mail. The students attending this meeting support this system.

Winter meeting collaboration with SVM: Judy Batker spoke with Dr. Peek at the SVM; they are interested but not for 2006 meeting. Options for future meetings: Hold on same weekend but separate dates. Keep on separate weekends. Have joint meetings starting in 2007.

General Discussion:

Positives: SVM Meeting date is already established, always held the same time of year; has larger potential for associated labs. Potentially more dollars would be available for speaker fees. By sharing a weekend date, it could allow more veterinarians to attend by having to plan only one trip away from business.

Concerns: More logistics involved. Labs may have to meet requirements of Animal Care And Use Committee. If sharing meetings with SVM, WEPA would have less control over meeting emphasis.

General feeling of Group (Not voted on): We should establish set dates for both meetings. Keep the fall meeting as an "open location" meeting on set date. Spring meeting to be held separate from SVM but in the Madison area on the same weekend as the SVM meeting. We need to try to increase the funding of meetings by sponsorship and maybe allowing vendor trade booths.

Members thought giving a small amount of time to sponsors/ vendors maybe acceptable. A one-day event is to be held in January. A two-day meeting in the fall with an evening function should be explored. There was no consensus whether a Friday or Saturday meeting is preferred.

Dean Peterson felt that we should use fall meetings to raise scholarship funds and that we should nominate for new Director at Large in fall to vote on in the spring.

WEPA Credit Card: Has been entrusted to Cheryl for necessary purchases, will be reviewed by officers.

Officers' meeting reimbursement: Because of travel time and distance for officers' meetings, should we reimburse them for their expenses? Motion made by Becky Burcalow, seconded by Rachel Jahnke, to authorize reimbursement for travel mileage at the standard IRS rate (40.5¢/mile) for two officer meetings per a year and to allow \$10 per officer per meeting towards meals for those two meetings. Motion passed, unanimous.

Legislative issue: There is currently a bill in the Wisconsin legislature that would require cats, dogs, and horses be castrated by a veterinarian. For: Would ensure proper veterinary care for the castration of those animals. Would help keep non-veterinarians from practicing medicine without a license. Against: Groups horses with non-livestock species, which could have serious future implications. Many national equine groups are opposed to any legislation that moves horses out of the livestock status. This is legislation that should be covered under the Practice Act. Much discussion was made without a group consensus. We will keep the membership informed of future developments.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Ketover
Secretary/Treasurer