

STVMA meeting minutes from 23 April, 2009 held in Ithaca, NY 1:30pm - 2:25pm
The meeting was directed by President Dr. Chris Armao

1. Continuing reminder to fill out the STVMA survey.
2. The business meeting will be held after the speaker at the July and October meetings.
3. One amendment to the January business meeting minutes was that Linda Schumacher is paid \$400 every six months. The minutes were then approved.
4. Dr. Douglas Evans, Georgetown, NY was approved to be a member of the STVMA. Although he does not live within the boundaries, he has a lot of interactions with members in the STVMA and requested the change.
5. Old Business:
 - A. Another reminder to fill out the STVMA survey, on line or on paper.
 - B. Dr. Dan Fletcher, although not present, received thanks for his work on the website.
6. New Business
 - A. There is a \$500 grant available to any agricultural related youth groups within the STVMA boundaries. This is available every year, but not well advertised. Spread the word to any groups. Dr. Ann Shakespeare will contact Cornell Cooperative Extension to spread the word too. Deadline for proposals June 30th to Dr. Armao, for discussion at the July meeting.
 - B. Dr. Hifiker discussed:
 - i. The Cornell/NYVMS conference scheduled for October 1-4. Several Cornell and outside speakers will be participating.
 - ii. Legislative grassroots efforts.
 - C. Dr. Yanoff noted that the next meeting will be July 23, 2009 in the evening at a yet to be determined winery.
 - D. Solicitation for a new slate of STVMA officers was made. Names are due at the July meeting for voting at the October meeting.
 - E. Although there was no Treasurer's report discussion, it was noted that there is approximately \$7,000 in the account accruing interest. Perhaps the STVMA should consider a donation this money. Further discussions to be at the July meeting.
 - F. Executive report from Dr. Barry.....Discussion included equine dentistry, Cornell planning to open a practice off campus, NYS disaster response. For details see the full report at the STVMA website at stvma.org.

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