1:34pm – Meeting was opened by President Leni Kaplan

1. Introduction of 2010 officers.
2. Treasurer’s report – There is approximately $10,500 in the account.
3. Continuing Education – Next meeting is April 22nd, evening meeting
4. Executive Board Report – Highlights by Chris Armao as Bridget Barry was not available. See website for full report.
5. Old Business: Minutes of the October meeting were accepted.
   a. A Reminder that the treasurer or president will look into how much money should be kept in the account for future use. Check with NYSVMS. This will then give an idea of how much could be dispersed.
   b. A motion was made and accepted that the STVMA will move to “go green”. After the next “snail mail” meeting notice, future notices will be via e-mail unless otherwise requested by the recipient. Someone, perhaps Dr. Fletcher, will keep the list updated.
6. New Business: Dr. Kaplan proposed we consider the following:
   a. Increasing attendance at our meetings via a mentoring program.
   b. Consider attending the leadership conference at the NYSVMS March 9-10 in Albany.
   c. Continuing Education – get as much as we can – participate in the NYSVMS program to become the region that has the greatest percentage of continuing education participants.
   d. Involving the NYS Vet Tech association with our meetings.
   e. Fund raising.
   f. Fully appoint 3 additional committees: Fund Raising, Membership and Disaster Planning.
   g. Consider Facebook for the STVMA.
   h. Invite Senior and/or Junior Veterinary students to our April meeting. Hence making it an evening meeting to increase attendance.
   i. Don’t forget about the facilities accreditation program. Now inspected by Dr. Cadwallader of Homer, NY.
   j. Look into the legalities of “Data Mining” of one’s computerized records by a third party when you only have permission by the client to give out their e-mail address.
   k. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Grant C. Seaman.