

MINUTES
January 31, 2013
Owego Treadway

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by acting president, Dr. John Ryer. He started the meeting by reading a letter from executive director, Dr. Bridget Barry (enclosed). The Southern Tier is in danger of dissolving unless members step forward for officer positions. Dr. Barry has organized a slate of officers for 2013, but beyond this, the members need to decide what they would like to do. There was no comment or discussion on the letter. Dr. Armao, acting secretary, reminded the group this will come up again at the next meeting when Dr. Barry is present. Perhaps, members will be ready to address the issues at that time.

Treasury Report-Dr. Schoeffler: STVMA is solvent with \$19,123 in our account.

New Member Dr. Kara Blaha , from Vestal Veterinary Hospital was approved for membership. Following the meeting, Dr. Armao received a member application from Jennifer Mauer for Dr. Matthew Chuff, a new graduate at Lakewood Veterinary Service. As acting secretary, Dr. Armao approved Dr. Chuff's membership as it will be at least 3 months before the STVMA meets again. She will contact both new members to welcome them.

Dr. Armao also reminded members that an email was sent out from President Tintle about restructuring the committee governance model. This email asked all members to volunteer their expertise to one of 6 committees . Copies of this email are available from Dr. Armao if interested.

Dr. Tom Nytech introduced his guests, Kathleen Wright, LVT and David Phillips, LVT from the NYS Dept of Ag and Mkts.

Executive Report: Dr. Barry was not at the meeting to give a report, but everyone was sent a synopsis of the meeting. Dr. Armao highlighted a few areas including: the Veterinary Facility Accreditation Program which is now worth 3 CE credits, volunteers are needed for the 2013 NYS Fair Exhibit and the annual conference will be Oct 3-5. There was also some discussion regarding the current law which states it is illegal to transport controlled substances for use off the registered premises. This would impact both large animal veterinarians and also house call euthanasia.

Dr. Ryer gave a report on Dr. Wilhelm who suffered a brain injury in the fall. Will is continuing to improve and is currently at work 4 hours per day with Dr. Sharon Sickles, a relief veterinarian. Dr. Ed Tillotson informed the membership that Dr. Cadwallader is dealing with brain cancer. Our thoughts are with both of these colleagues and Dr. Armao will send a note of support to both Dr. Cadwallader and Dr. Wilhelm on behalf of the membership

Although it was not discussed at the meeting, Dr. Tom Nytech informed Dr. Armao that Dr. Robert Habel, professor emeritus, died at the age of 94. He requested no obituary or funeral. Dr. Armao will send a letter of condolence to his widow, Wilma.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 pm.

Submitted by,
CHRISTINE ARMAO
Secretary