

MINUTES
April 18, 2013
Cornell University, Ithaca NY

Dr. Barry called the meeting to order and minutes were approved from the January meeting.

Dr. Barry's term as executive director will end in December. Dr. Josh Clay, past STVMA president, was nominated and approved as the next executive director. We thank Dr. Barry for all her dedication and look forward to Dr. Clay's term.

The STVMA will turn 100 years old in 2014. Its first meeting was in Owego, NY attended by local veterinarians. Dr. Barry suggested we have some sort of celebration in 2014. Any thoughts? Dr. Thompson pointed out former dean, Dr. Don Smith is writing a history of veterinary medicine on the blog, veritasdvm.com if anyone would like to comment on it. (actually leave a comment to make sure the site is working properly)

Dr. Meg Thompson, CE director at Cornell, reminded us the Cornell/NYSVMS annual conference will be held at Cornell Oct 3-6. There will be an emphasis on imaging and emergency medicine, but also topics for special interest groups, technicians and a large animal program. Watch for details!

Dr. Thompson also informed us of monthly CE at Cornell to alternate between programs for veterinarians and technicians. The tech programs will run concurrently with the veterinary program but there will also be an additional 1 hour session for techs in October and December. The veterinarian programs will be Thurs Sept 12 and Thurs Nov 14 at Cornell. **The STVMA business meetings will be held in conjunction with these next 2 meetings.** There will be a tech program running concurrently with additional 1-hour CE sessions for technician in October and December. If you would like more information on the technician programs, please email Dr. Thompson.

Dr. Schoeffler, treasurer, was unable to make the meeting but reported the STVMA currently has about \$20,000 in its account.

STVMA will provide CE certificates at meetings for you to keep for your records. The "official" certificates will be *eventually* mailed out at the state level. Please keep in mind, these certificates are important only if you are audited.

New member Dr. Sharon Sickles was approved and Dr. Armao, acting secretary informed the membership she had approved Dr. Matthew Chuff because his application was received the day after the January meeting.

Dr. Ed Tillotson informed us Dr. Cadwallader has finished Chemo therapy for brain cancer and is resting at home. Dr. Armao received a letter from Dr. Wilhelm who has recovered from a traumatic brain injury. Dr. Armao saw Dr. Wilhelm at a meeting last week and reported to the membership how well he is doing. By his admission, he is more than 90% recovered. This is miraculous and we wish him a continued speedy recovery.

There was also discussion that New York State Education Dept. will not approve a RACE – approved CE unless that group is willing to submit the paperwork and state fee to be deemed an approved sponsor of CE by New York State. This is one reason, the Cornell/NYSMS conference is trying to include small interest groups (such as camelid practitioners) in its meetings. Dr. Barry indicated there was a lot of discussion at the state level, but the State Education Dept is not wavering in its decision.

Dr. Barry reminded us we should all have received a synopsis of the executive board minutes. Some highlights are to remind us that compounding pharmacies can now only provide compounded substances for a specific patient, not for hospital use.

Dr. Gry Wildenstein expressed her concern for on line pharmacies prescribing medications with no intervening vet. Dr. Tom Nytech likened this to non vets doing US pregnancy checks and its encroachment on our profession. Dr Nytech urged members to register a formal complaint with evidence to the Office of Professional Discipline. This will be the best route to draw attention to concerns especially if more than one practitioner were to complain.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Armao