

STVMA Meeting Minutes July 19th, 2012

- 1) LK ran the meeting as KG was absent. LK informed the membership that everyone should have received a "STVMA updates" email from KG - where are we, what's coming up, etc. Everyone who was present at this meeting DID receive this email.
- 2) The upcoming meeting is October 18 - speaker TBA, location Ithaca, exact TBA but will try for the History Center again, as that was a success. It will be an evening meeting.
 - Members mentioned that the wine tasting at the history center was very appealing and requested that we have another wine tasting event at this upcoming meeting.
- 3) treasurer report: GS was absent but LK gave the report: \$6450 in the bank and \$3486 in paypal for a total of \$9936.
- 4) NYSVMS report: BB was absent so LK gave the report:
 - Reminded members to sign up for the NYS Fair Veterinary Hall of Health
 - NYS Mandatory CE requirement: STVMA will be covered by NYSVMS as an approved CE sponsor—they will provide CE certificates and take care of record keeping. Practice management courses are no longer limited to 20% of an individuals CE. Go to the SED website to see which CE is approved and eligible.
 - NYS Veterinary Conference is September 27-30th. On-line registration is opening up soon. LK passed around the CE schedule for membership perusal.
 - Membership APPROVED the STVMA to sponsor the DJ at the dinner celebration for \$750 as was done last year..
 - Discussed the silent auction and wine wall
 - Passed around the June NYS executive board minutes and synopsis to the membership for perusal.
- 5) No new members were present at this time. LK will email new members welcoming them to the STVMA and will update their email addresses on the STVMA email list.
- 6) New business:
 - A question came up about the most recent NYSVMS newsletter that stated: Proin or PPA is a controlled drug (that we must log and can only dispense a certain amount at a time)--is this true? We will email Barb Ahern for clarification.
 - Dr. Wilhelm brought 2 issues to the membership:
 - a. concerning relief veterinarians and their status as contract employees vs payroll employees. According to the Dept of Labor (they brought up an issue with Dr. Wilhelm), relief vets are considered employees if they work for an employer for one hour. This makes the employer responsible to pay unemployment insurance. This is NOT the case in human hospitals—he has contacted NYSVMS without success regarding the professional stance of of the NYSVMS on this issue. We will discuss with BB and Barb Ahern what the law states and what is an employer obligation to relief veterinarians. Maybe this can be an legal issue covered in an upcoming NYSVMS newsletter?
 - Dr. Wilhelm expressed concern that he has not seen a NYSVMS budget and is not sure how our membership dues are being budgeted. He spoke about what NYSVMS means to him and wanted to challenge STVMA members to define for themselves why they are members and what goals they would like to see met as being members

of these professional organizations. If we do not feel that our goals are being met, we should discuss with NYSVMS and STVMA.

- 6) THANK YOU to josh clay for arranging our venue.
- 7) Prior to the start of the official business meeting, Invisible Fence gave a 5 minute presentation about Project Breathe (providing oxygen masks and support to local fire depts in the event that animals are injured at emergency scenes)

Respectfully Submitted,
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STVMA Secretary