

2013 Annual General Meeting of the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association
Friday, February 1, 2013
Victoria Inn
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Present: Drs. Erika Anseeuw, Janesa Banman, Leeanne Bargaen, Corey Bartley, Chris Bell, Charlene Berkvens, Leanne Boyd, Amanda Brown, Stacey Burch, Brad Chappell, Neil Charnock, Genevieve Chartrand, Kulwinder Chhoker, Karen Choptain, Wayne Clayton, Carissa Embury-Hyatt, Jacqueline Enns, Christopher Enright, Murray Esler, Annette Fleming, Troy Gowan, Mangita Gunson, Ron Hamilton, Richard Hodges, Pat Hoffmann, Peiman Hojjati, Keri Hudson-Reykald, Corey Jones, Leo Kenny, Dr. Chris Kranendonk, Dawn Lameg, Wayne Lees, Fred Lindenschmidt, Bryan Macbeth, Kirstin MacDonald, Tara Macsymbic, Colleen Marion, Liana Mawer, Heather McDonell, Ashlee McGuirk, Dale McKague, Nancy McQuade, Ronald Mentz, Hugh Millar, Kevin Millar, Cathy Moir, Peter Molnar, Roxane Neufeld, Reuben Neumier, Elizabeth Ostendorf, Suzanne Pankratz, Kevin Penner, Marc Philippot, Aude Pingard, Max Popp, Jillian Preston-Gren, Jack Reeb, Justin Rosing, Paul Schneider, Vicky Sempers, Marg Seward, Michael Sheridan, Jaswant Singh, Colleen Skavinsky, David Snell, Samyra Stuart-Altman, Maitland Sundmark (life member), Kurtis Swekla, Amanda Swirsky, Fawcett Taylor, David Thomson, Marek Tomczyk, Wayne Tomlinson, Stephanie Van Deynze, Lynn Webster, Wendy Weselowski, Julie Whelen, Terry Whiting, Deanne Wilkinson and Dr. Melanie Youngs

1. The Annual General Meeting of the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. Special recognition of MVMA members.

The President of the MVMA, Dr. Marc Philippot welcomed all in attendance. New MVMA members who had attended the seminar/exam were asked to stand and be recognized.

A Life Membership with the MVMA was presented to Dr. Murray Esler by Dr. Wayne Tomlinson and Dr. Esler thanked the membership for this honour.

Dr. Paul Friesen was presented a Life Membership in the MVMA and was introduced by Dr. Marc Philippot. Dr. Friesen thanked the membership for the honour.

Dr. Tomlinson spoke of Dr. Claude Mason who was presented with a life membership with the MVMA but who unfortunately was unable to attend.

The Award of Merit was presented to Dr. Fred Lindenschmidt by Dr. Philippot. The Veterinarian of the Year award was presented to Dr. Reuben Neumier by Dr. Tomlinson. Dr. Neumier thanked the membership.

Dr. Philippot introduced and presented Ms. Araina Dowd with the newly created MVMA Service Award for her 30 years of service with the Association. Araina thanked all in attendance for this honour.

3. Introduction of guests who bring greetings.

Dr. Chris Clark brought greetings on behalf of the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association.

Dr. Jen Willans, President of the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association AbVMA brought greetings on their behalf.

The College of Veterinarians of British Columbia had no representative present.

Dr. Chris Clark brought greetings on behalf of the Dean of the Western College of Veterinary Medicine and informed the membership of the different upgrades to the college.

Dr. Marco Veenis brought greetings on behalf of the CVMA - Society of veterinarians of British Columbia.

Dr. Kevin Millar, who is MVMA's representative to the CVMA, brought greetings from the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association.

Dr. Wayne Lees brought greetings from Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives.

Ms. Diedre Black brought greetings on behalf of the Manitoba Animal Health Technologists Association.

4. Moment of Silence – in memory of colleagues who have passed away.

5. Veterinarians Oath was recited by the membership.

6. Presidents greetings

A) Ratification of Council – No objections by membership. The members were informed that the upcoming President for 2013 is Dr. Wayne Tomlinson and the Vice President for the Association is Dr. Marg Seward who will become President in 2014. The two new council members, Dr. Roxane Neufeld and Dr. Mike Sheridan, were introduced to the membership.

B) Dr. Leeanne Bargen and Dr. Chris Kranendonk are the two Council members who are leaving Council.

Dr. Leeanne Bargen spoke to the membership about her three year term on council. She spoke of the pros and cons, the in between moments, as well as the debates at the Council meetings. She encouraged the membership to volunteer their time as she felt it had been a rewarding experience.

C) Introduction of MVMA staff to the membership was made by Dr. Marc Philippot. Executive Director - Andrea Lear, Registrar - Michelle Martin-Strong, Secretary-Treasurer – Araina Dowd, Communication and Regulatory Associate - Simone Gillies, and Administrative Assistance - Judy Reynolds (who was unable to attend the meeting).

7. MVMA Council, Committee & Volunteer reports

Dr. Corey Bartley was called to the podium to give a report on Complementary & Alternative Therapies Committee and what this committee is under taking, as well as the direction they are

headed. MVMA bylaws could possibly have to be changed in the future. There is no option to fit the needs of veterinarians at this time. She stated the membership should review the College of Veterinarians of Ontario's position statement on alternative medicine as this is how they plan to mold their approach to Complementary & Alternative Therapies in the future.

Government Relations – Veterinary Incorporation The leg work has been done and is now in the government's hands. Hopefully this will be introduced at the Spring Session in the Legislature. An update regarding the pursuit of Veterinary Pharmaceuticals Regulations was provided. Members were told that the Minister of Agriculture told representatives the Government is not interested in the development of veterinary pharmaceuticals regulations. The MVMA Council feels this is an important issue.

The Retaining our Rights to Crop and Dock letter which was received by members in November regarding a class action suit against the MVMA was addressed. Members were informed that the MVMA has not been sent this letter to date. Dr. Robert Dawson, MVMA's legal counsel addressed the membership regarding the letter. This letter is intended to make the MVMA yield as the RRCD already know that the ear cropping bylaw has been passed by the membership.

8. Special Orders

Dr. Philpott identified Ms. Vera Chernecki (parliamentarian), was in attendance for the AGM.

The scrutineers for the meeting will be identified as Dr. Chris Clark, Dr. Jen Willans and Dr. Marco Veenis.

The membership was advised that Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised would be used while conducting the business of the Annual General Meeting.

Dr. Terry Whiting moves that the basics of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised 11th edition be adopted and accepted for use during the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting. Dr. Erika Anseuw seconds. Motion passed.

No objections to the agenda by the membership.

Membership in attendance was informed the MVMA council have approved the February 3, 2012 Annual General Meeting Minutes.

The membership was informed that the financial statements are posted on line and the Executive Director addressed the membership regarding the financial statements and the 2012/2013 Budget.

Members in attendance were informed the MVMA Council reviewed and approved the Budget in June 2012 and the financial statements were approved at the December 2012 Council Meeting.

Dr. Fred Lindenschmidt presented MVMA PIPS Bylaws – Mobile Clinic Bylaw

Dr. Lindenschmidt moves that the new MVMA mobile clinic bylaw be adopted as presented.

Dr. Philpott asked if there was any debate, questions or concerns to the proposed bylaw.

The question arose as to what type/size of mobile clinic? He explained that this would be a complete mobile hospital that could have surgical facilities, lab facilities etc.

There was no further discussion.

The question was called with all in favor and three opposed. The motion passed.

Dr. Lindenschmidt moves to adopt the introductory section of the PIPs bylaws.

The motion was opened for debate of which there was none

The question was called and all were in favor with one opposed. The affirmative have it and the motion is passed.

Dr. Lindenschmidt moves that amendments to the Library Section of the PIPS bylaws be adopted as presented.

The motion was opened for debate of which there was none.

The question was called on the amendments with all in favor and one opposed. Affirmative have it and the motion is passed.

Dr. Lindenschmidt moves that the Amendment to the radiology section of the PIPS bylaws be adopted as presented.

The motion was opened for debate of which there was none.

The question was called on the amendments to the Radiology section of the PIPS bylaws with all in favor and one opposed. The affirmative have it and the motion is passed.

Strike Out or Amendment to Bylaw 31 Ear Cropping was presented was two motions. Should the primary motion be defeated, the secondary motion will be put before the membership. Should the primary motion be adopted, the secondary motion will be withdrawn.

A: Primary Motion strike out the MVMA By-law #31 Ear Cropping.

Dr. David Thomson Moves to strike out Bylaw 31 regarding ear cropping and Dr. Karen Choptain seconds thus the motion is up for debate.

The membership spoke to the motion.

The question was called to strike out bylaw 31 regarding ear cropping. Two members approved the motion to strike Bylaw 31 and the majority of membership voted against, thus the membership prevails and the motion is defeated.

B: Secondary Motion: amend MVMA By-law #31 to allow ear cropping only of pure bred dogs (CKC or AKC registered).

Dr. Thomson moves to amend bylaw 31 to allow ear cropping only of pure bred dogs (CKA or AKC registered). There is no seconder thus the motion is not entertained.

Dr. Thomson moves to create a bylaw to reward three hours of CE credits for an expenditure of \$500 per year on a current veterinary textbook or textbooks. Dr. Colleen Marion seconds.

The motion is now open for debate. Dr. Thomson spoke to his motion regarding the dollars spent on text books.

Dr. Kerri Hudson Reykdal suggests the motion read up to three hours. Create an amendment to reward up to three hours, Dr. Terry Whiting seconds.

The question is insert "up to three hours". In favor 32, Opposed – 20 The Motion is passed.

Discuss the first motion as amended Membership spoke to the motion at hand
No further discussion.

The question is on the motion as amended to reward up to three hours. Motion to create a bylaw to reward up to three hours of CE credits for an expenditure of \$500 per year on a current veterinary textbook or textbooks. The opposed have it and the motion is defeated.

9. New Business: No new business.

10. Passing of the Gavel. Dr. Philippot passed the gavel to Dr. Wayne Tomlinson who presented Dr. Philippot with a gift of thanks for his past year as acting president.

11. Adjournment 9:35 p.m.