

Niagara Frontier Veterinary Society

Board of Directors Meeting April 12, 2016

Present: Melissa Andritz, Helene Chevalier, Amy Leach, Melissa Marsak, Patrick McCarthy, Timm Otterson, Theresa Ryndak, Steven Schultz, Stephanie West, Nancy Fredrickson
Absent: Rebecca Wagner, Stephanie Wolf
Guest: Gary Willoughby, Executive Director SPCA

1. Meeting Notes

March meeting notes were approved.

2. President's Report

Items are covered under committee reports.

3. Treasurer's Report

- . The NFVS owed New York State \$75 in income taxes. Nothing due to IRS.
- . Deposit from Media Training of \$160 was made.
- . Current balance in the checking account is \$43,307.53 compared with \$35,362.53 a year ago. This is due in large measure to the recent Mini-Vet School deposit of \$6,000. The Mini-Vet committee will make a recommendation on how much to donate to the Medaille Vet Tech endowment at the next meeting.

4. Committee Reports

PEF – Steve

- . The PEF received a notice from the IRS that PEF reinstatement request has been approved and there will be no lapse in not-for-profit status.
- . 2016 first quarter disbursement was made. Each NFVS member hospital received \$150 per fulltime veterinarian (\$75 for part time vets.)
- . PEF will be participating in the Bark for Life event on Saturday, May 14. Two volunteers have stepped forward. Could use more.

Explorers – Timm

- . Explorers visited Guelph University in March.
- . April 6 meeting students heard from John K. Harmer DVM, MPH, about his career as a veterinarian in the military and government. Sandra Marky DVM talked about her experiences doing small animal emergency medicine and life in general.
- . On April 20 Steve Schultz will address end of life issues and euthanasia along with being a specialist in veterinary technology and veterinary medicine.
- . May 11 is a field trip to a dairy farm in Oakfield.
- . May 25 is a visit Royalton Equine Veterinary Services and learn about equine medicine and farriers.

- . Helene offered an Explorer program on the SPCA and will contact Rene vanEe for the 2017 session.

Mini-Vet – Amy/Theresa

- . Amy and Theresa are working on speakers and sponsors. Kurt Volle from the Buffalo Zoo, Helen Sweeney, Theresa Ryndak, Marcia Ritchie and Miranda Workman are likely speakers.

SPCA – Helene

- . Helene introduced the new SPCA Executive Director Gary Willoughby.
- . She announced the dates for the parvo clinics. Locations have yet to be confirmed. They are looking for additional volunteers at the clinics. An announcement will be posted to the NFVS list serve. She also shared the information that is given to attendees and offered to distribute the NFVS Caring for Your Pet brochures.
- . She and Gary talked about a recent hording case where many of the animals had walking dandruff.

WNYVMA Relations – Stephanie West

- . The WNYVMA is still dealing with glitches on state dues.
- . There were no ethics cases this month.
- . Social ideas are being narrowed down for the summer gathering. Suggestions include a Cave of the Winds and wine tour. Cornell Veterinary students will be invited.
- . The WNYVMA is partnering with the Buffalo Academy for a fall speaker, Temple Grandin.
- . Dental issues will be discussed at the May general meeting.

Health Department – Stephanie Wolf

- . Dates for the rest of the 2016 rabies clinics have been set. Looking for volunteers. Alison O'Toole volunteered to do all and Theresa Ryndak is doing two.
- . Stephanie West is working with Eric at the Erie County Department of Health on a possible titer testing and follow-up rabies vaccination program this fall.

College Relations – Stephanie Wolf

- . No report.

SMART – Stephanie Wolf

- . No report.

Buffalo Academy Liaison - Patrick

- . Last program is set for May.

Roswell/Highpointe/Therapy Dogs – Stephanie Wolf

- . No report

Dog Parks – Timm

- . Ellicott Creek Park has invited the NFVS to participate in a Park Bark event on May 21st at 11 a.m. They are looking for a first aid presentation. Helene will check with her staff to provide a first aid course on their Recessi Dog. The NFVS is interested in having a table if a volunteer can assist.

Awareness – New chair needed

- Nancy distributed five new ads focusing on annual wellness visits. These will rotate replacing ads currently running in WNY Family Magazine and Buffalo Healthy Living. It was recommended to change the wording from “... take them to their veterinarian for an annual wellness check-up once a year” to “... at least once a year.” They also may be used for other awareness efforts.
- The board decided to hold off on sponsorship of the Alley Cats team as part of the Queen City Rollers until next year. This will allow time for better negotiation and support material.

New Members – Amy

- No new members reported.

Online Discussions – Melissa M.

- Drug drop off day is today.

Facebook Fan Page – Stephanie West

- Stephanie has posted a number of items and added a link to WKBW’s Pet Talk Tuesday segments.

Old Business

New Business

Gary gave the group a brief background summary and some of his focus for the SPCA moving forward.

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