

# *Niagara Frontier Veterinary Society*

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## Board of Directors Meeting October 11, 2016

Present: Melissa Andritz, Helene Chevalier, Amy Leach, Patrick McCarthy, Timm Otterson, Steven Schultz, Theresa Ryndak, Rebecca Wagner, Stephanie West, Nancy Fredrickson  
Absent: Stephanie Wolf

**Next meeting is November 15. The December meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> will be the holiday social at Squire on Main in Snyder.**

### 1. **Meeting Notes**

September meeting notes were approved.

### 2. **President's Report**

Dr. Melinda Burgwardt died on Friday after a lengthy battle with ovarian cancer. She is the former owner of Broadway Animal Hospital. Arrangements are being finalized and will be posted on the NFVS List Serve.

### 3. **Treasurer's Report**

- Current balance in the checking account is \$44,947.53. This includes dues deposit of \$26,460. About a dozen hospitals are still outstanding. Part of the reason so many hospitals have submitted dues in a timely manner is the incentive that only dues-paying NFVS member hospitals receive general PEF disbursements, which are scheduled for Q3.
- Still waiting for a few checks from Mini-Vet sponsors.
- NFVS still has not received information on new KeyBank account as a result of First Niagara sale.

### 4. **Committee Reports**

#### **PEF – Steve**

- PEF is moving in right direction! Job description for board members is being finalized and new board members will be invited to the next PEF board meeting.
- Bones vs paws is winding down with final day coinciding with national presidential election.
- Faces mosaic project may be pushed back a bit as not enough drawings have been submitted. Results from individual hospitals have been less than stellar. Have about 400 and need at least 800. In the meantime, the PEF will order more Buffalo notecards and contact with member hospitals about using them for holiday sales.

#### **Mini-Vet – Amy/Theresa**

- First session went well with just over 100 in attendance. The ticket system is working well.

The NFVS/PEF relationship has been explained again to students who seem to understand and are supporting PEF efforts. This year a 50/50 raffle has been added to each session as a fundraiser, in addition to the refreshment sales.

A few sponsors' checks are still outstanding. Amy will follow-up.

Theresa has been the NFVS volunteer for tickets for three sessions but is unable to attend October 18 and 25. Steve said he would help on the 18<sup>th</sup>; Timm on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Explorers – Timm**

Nancy is working the Boy Scouts on getting the word out for the 2017 registration scheduled for Wednesday, November 16 at Medaille.

### **SPCA – Helene**

The last parvo clinic has been held. Helene will have a year-to-year comparison when figures are submitted. There were different venues this year. The SPCA also has seen fewer parvo cases but has seen an increase in the number of leptospirosis cases.

The new director has been invited to attend the upcoming WNYVMA meeting.

Helene has seen better communication with area hospitals and veterinarians recently.

### **WNYVMA Relations – Stephanie West**

As mentioned in SPCA report, Gary Willoughby will attend the next WNYVMA meeting. The focus will be on communication and consensus building.

Dr. Grandin's Buffalo Academy presentation will be combined as a joint meeting with WNYVMA.

Jean Best is serving on the Executive Board. The state is working on proposed compounding laws. Also working on legislation that would prohibit the name of a species in a hospital name.

It is expected that the declaw issue will be reintroduced next year.

Susan Wylegala and Jean are attending meetings with farmers regarding a law that states procedures farmers do on cattle could be prohibited under the new legislation. Want to make sure professionals can make decisions and not have them based on crusaders.

The state board is looking for officers. Volunteers are encouraged to throw their hat in the ring.

### **Health Department – Stephanie Wolf**

Rabies clinics are done for the year. Melissa helped staff the one in West Seneca that saw over 1,000 animals. Nancy will have statistics for the next meeting.

### **College Relations – Stephanie Wolf**

No report.

### **SMART – Stephanie Wolf**

No report.

### **Buffalo Academy Liaison - Patrick**

All is well.

### **Roswell/Highpointe/Therapy Dogs – Stephanie Wolf**

Nancy is working with Highpointe on the annual pet visit with children in December.

### **Dog Parks – Timm**

- Ellicott Park unveiled a totem pole.

### **Awareness – Melissa A.**

- NFVS participated the Paws in the Park. Thankfully there was no need for pet first aid during the first half of the event as no veterinarians were available. It was recommended that in the future the NFVS only commit to events when sufficient volunteers have stepped forward.

### **New Members – Amy**

- A few new names have come in with dues assessments. A welcome luncheon will be held early next year.

### **Online Discussions – Timm**

- Burgwardt announcement will be posted.
- Narcotics cases and Canadian pit bull news were mentioned.
- VEC will be offering wolf and stress relief programs.

### **Facebook Fan Page – Stephanie West**

- Stephanie continues to post relevant items, including AM Buffalo segments.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

- ✚ Timm and Stephanie will head up the Nominating committee and find a third non-board member to serve.

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