

Niagara Frontier Veterinary Society

Board of Directors Meeting September 13, 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

DATES for the remainder of the year are Tuesday, October 11, November 15, December 13.

1. Meeting Notes

August meeting notes were approved.

2. President's Report

3. Treasurer's Report

- Current balance in the checking account is \$22,518.53.
- Several invoices from Mini-Vet are yet to be received.
- As of yesterday, 33 hospitals have submitted their dues. Nancy will send out a reminder next week.
- Patrick received word from our accountant that there is no advantage or disadvantage to changing the time of year for dues assessment. Will continue with the same schedule.
- The NFVS accounts will become KeyBank accounts in November. No need to switch in advance.

4. Committee Reports

PEF – Steve

- The board meeting last night included a get-to-know-you social for potential new board members. Regular meeting followed.
- Bones vs. paws is going slowly.
- NFVS Board was reminded to ask clients to participate in the Faces mosaic project so that new dog and cat posters can be created as a fund raising tool. Participating hospitals can add to their PEF accounts with 20 drawings per veterinarian.
- The PEF is participating in the Paws in the Park event on September 24. Board member Meredith Christman will staff the morning and Jen Stachnik DVM will take the second shift.

Explorers – Timm

- Rene is requesting assistance in spreading the word to high school students for the 2017 Explorer class. Timm will ask him for the Boy Scout Explorer contact so that we can coordinate efforts.

SPCA – Helene

- A parvo clinic is set for Saturday. There was good turnout on the recent clinic on the West Side.

- There has been another change in the pet insurance coverage new adopters receive. This is the second change recently. Helene expects to receive additional information. As soon as she does, she'll communicate with NFVS hospitals to give them updates.

- Construction on the new facility is going well. They hope to take occupancy in March.

Mini-Vet – Amy/Theresa

- Registration is at 30.

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

- Notebooks have been ordered. Cover pages and diplomas to be updated/designed.

- Theresa volunteered to help staff on all nights excluding October 25.

- AM Buffalo segment is set for September 20.

WNYVMA Relations – Stephanie West

- No meeting since last NFVS Board meeting. Summer social went well.

Health Department – Stephanie Wolf

- Nancy reported that a second vet is still needed for Tuesday, September 20. She will send out an additional plea.

College Relations – Stephanie Wolf

- No report.

SMART – Stephanie Wolf

- No report.

Buffalo Academy Liaison - Patrick

- First program went well.

Roswell/Highpointe/Therapy Dogs – Stephanie Wolf

- No report.

Dog Parks – Timm

- Ellicott Park is having a totem pole unveiling on Sunday on Sunday, to which NFVS is invited.

- Work on the mural will begin next week.

Awareness – Melissa A.

- NFVS is participating at the Paws in the Park providing pet first aid if needed. Timm will staff second half but another vet is still needed to help set up. NFVS members will be asked again to step forward.

New Members – Amy

- Four new members have been included with dues – Jennifer Tudini (Blue Cross); Jacqueline Tratuerman (City Creatures); Daniel Craig (McClelland); James Tudini (VEC). These vets, along with any others that are discovered through dues assessments, will be invited to a new member luncheon either later this year or early next year.

Online Discussions – Timm

- . Timm volunteered to head up this effort.
- . Messages this month included information on woman seeking pain meds for her dog and investigation by Hamburg Narcotics detective.
- . Spread of use of carfentanil.
- . Plea for NFVS volunteers for rabies clinics and Paws in the Park.

Facebook Fan Page – Stephanie West

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

Old Business

New Business

- + Nancy asked board about 2016 holiday social. Board agrees that Squire on Main would be a good new choice. Nancy will contact to make arrangements for Tuesday, December 13.
- + Nominating committee will need to be created in October.

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