

North Carolina Association for Veterinary Technicians

06/14/2009 at 6:30 pm at the NCSU-VTH

Minutes prepared by Jeannie Losey (secretary)

Attendees: Amanda Dillard (President), Jonathan Loftis (President elect), Sandra Portilla (Vice President), Jeannie Losey (Secretary), Gail Harrell (Treasurer), Anne Myers (NAVTA Rep.), Janice Moseley (Information Officer), and Heather Hopkinson (Recruitment and Retention Officer).

Non-attendees: Sharon Lord (Information Officer elect), Jennah Bosch (Public Relations/Historian), and Beckie Dunn (Education Coordinator).

1. Website Complete
 - a. Website is complete and the membership application is located on the right-hand corner of the webpage. Once an application is filled out an e-mail will be sent to the Secretary with payment notification.
 - b. The floor was open for any recommended changes – none were suggested at that time.
2. Technician Week
 - a. Technician week is October 11 thru 17. The floor was open to suggestions on gift ideas for the NCAVT members.
 - b. Last year gift cards from Petsmart were given.
 - c. Possibly send copies of the Technician oath on parchment paper that could be framed.
3. Public Awareness
 - a. The NCAVT board would like to have public awareness for Technician week. Several suggestions were made on how accomplish this.
 - b. Amanda will look into having the NC 24-hour news cable station air a piece on local Technicians in the area.
 - c. We are all encouraged to check in to our local news stations, newspapers and magazines to see if they would like to do any articles for free on RVT's in NC.
 - i. The NAFTA website has pre-printed ads and handouts on Tech week and Ann will get copies for everyone.
 - d. Amanda is also in the works to contact the Government office to see what we need to do to get Technician week officially recognized by the State of North Carolina.
4. State Exam
 - a. The NC State Exams will be held in September. Heather will be manning a both.
5. Newsletter

- a. The deadline for the newsletter is July 1st. All materials need to be turned in to Janice no later than the 1st.
 - i. Heather will do a write-up on Sarah Hodge's
 - ii. A list of the 2009 Gastonia Grads will be included in the next newsletter.
 - iii. A joint effort is being made to see if we can get a sponsor for the printing of the newsletter.
- b. Next letter will be due out on the 1st of October, all articles need to be turned in to Janice no later than the 15th of September.

6. 2010 Calendar

- a. A 2010 calendar is in the works for a fundraiser product. We are looking for pictures of members' pets (encouraging multi-species)
 - i. Anyone with exotics, large animals, and even zoo medicine are welcome.
- b. Dates need to be submitted for activities, promotions (such as dental month) and other important functions to be printed in the calendar.
- c. All items for the calendar need to be turned in by September to Janice.

7. NCAVT Gift

- a. Each year the NCAVT gives a gift to the community to promote the work of RVT's.
- b. The gift will be given during Technician week.
 - i. Amanda will be taking nominations for the gift and gift recommendations, which will be voted on at the next meeting.

8. Treasury Report

NCAVT Treasurer's Report
 "June 14, 2009"

	Expenses	Deposits
Beginning Balance:		\$12,022.40
Check # 579 Natalie Hofmann- Gaston Grad.	\$100.00	
Check # 580 Celena Glennon- Gaston Grad.	\$100.00	
581 AT&T - phone	\$19.61	
Check # 582 - Sarah Hodges - Gift	\$200.00	
Dep. March Conference		\$2,764.65
Dep. Membership & refund from USPS		\$108.50
Deb. SECU Maint./Serv. Fee	\$1.00	
Dep. SECU Int.		\$7.05

Dep. PayPal		\$0.09
Dep. PayPal		\$0.18
Check # 583 The Standard Register Company (Printing for 2009 Spring Conf.)	\$772.43	
Dep. Jeannie made \$50.00		
Deb. USPS -for stamps (Jeannie)	\$8.80	
Deb. SECU Maint./Serv. Fee	\$1.00	
Dep. SECU Int.		\$8.26
	\$1,202.84	\$2,938.73
Ending Balance	"	\$13,758.29

8. Spring Conference

- a. We are still looking for vendors for the spring conference. Give all who are interested Becky's name and e-mail address.

9. Rabies Law

- a. Changes to the rabies law should be finalized by October 7th.

10. Practice Act Changes.

- a. At this time the changes that were proposed for the practice act by Dr. Davidson are not going to be pursued due to the time commitment and we are still working on the rabies law. This will be looked into again next year (2010).
 - i. Making changes to the practice act could take multiple years to do and the board feels we would need to look into hiring a lobbyist.

11. Laural Williams

- a. A meeting is to be set up with member of the house Laurel Williams for sometime in August or September in Greensboro. This will be arranged by Amanda.
- b. This meeting would be set up to take Ms. Williams out to lunch and to get advice on how to go about getting October officially the month to recognize RVT's in North Carolina.
- c. It was voted on and past that the NCAVT will pay for the meeting
 - i. All board members are invited to attend the meeting

- ii. Amanda will send out an e-mail for the appointed date, time and location.

12. Leadership Conference

- a. NAVTA is hosting their leadership conference on August 29th thru 31st in Kansas City, Missouri. Ann Myers would like to attend.
 - i. This conference is all paid for by NAVTA, except for the plane ticket.
 - ii. Vote was taken to approve the trip for Ann and the NCAVT will pay for the plane ticket.

13. Weblink

- a. A motion was made for a weblink to be made on the NCAVT website that would take viewers directly to the AVMA's website on all accredited programs for future RVT's.

14. Next meeting

- a. The next NCAVT meeting will be a conference call on Sunday August 2nd at 2:30pm.