

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
MINUTES OF FULL BOARD  
DEPT. OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
RICHMOND, VA  
MAY 25, 2005**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A quorum of the Board of Veterinary Medicine was called to order at 10:03 a.m. at the Dept. of Health Professions, 6603 W. Broad St., Richmond, VA

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** John T. Wise, DVM, President

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Henry McKelvin, DVM  
Rebecca Lakie, LVT  
George Siemering, DVM  
Jana Froeling, DVM  
Andrew Horner, DVM

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Dorothy Blackwell (Citizen member)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D.  
Terri Behr, Administrative Assistant  
Emily Wingfield, Assistant Attorney General  
Gail Jaspen, Chief Deputy Director  
Sammy Johnson, Deputy Director, Enforcement  
Lisa Oliphant, Inspector  
Marta Ishmael, Inspector  
Lynne Helmick, Inspector  
Keith Dressler, Inspector  
Jennifer Challis, Inspector

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Taryn Singleton, LVT, Va. Assoc. of Licensed Veterinary Technicians  
Lara West, LVT  
Karen Shoemaker Smith  
Ed Scott  
Donovan Dagner, DVM  
Claudia True, DVM  
Donna Burge, DVM  
Ken Pankow  
Nancy Voytosh, DVM  
Jayme Leonard  
B.A. Rucker, DVM  
Susan Seward, Va. Veterinary Medical Assoc.  
Dale Cupp, DVM  
Delegate Edward Scott  
Robin Bizkel

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Taryn Singleton, LVT stated that the VALVT supports offering the Veterinary Technician National Board Exam twice a year, in January and June.

**EQUINE LAY DENTISTRY ISSUE:** The Board received much comment from the public on equine lay dentistry from lay equine “dentists” and veterinarians, both pro and con, on the use of equine lay “dentists” to float teeth.

Delegate Edward Scott advised the Board that this is a big issue in his area. He stated that the Board’s ruling at its February 2005 meeting regarding equine lay dentistry was brought to his attention by some constituents in his area, as well as some equine lay “dentists” and that they are hoping for some clarification in terms of what the Board views as the practice of veterinary medicine and what the Board views as the practice of equine dentistry by lay people. He stated that the public’s need for service is not sufficiently being met by licensed veterinarians or licensed veterinary technicians alone. Delegate Scott stated that he has a petition with over 1,000 signatures representing over 15, 000 horses, in support of equine lay “dentists”. He indicated that he intends to draft legislation to address the issue in the next General Assembly session by providing for some form of recognition/certification/licensure of these practitioners.

Other people providing comment on this issue were Dr. Donna Burge, Dr. Nancy Voytosh, Dr. B.A. Rucker, Dr. Dale Cupp, Dr. Donavan Dagner, Dr. Claudia True and Jayme Leonard.

Dr. Wise appointed an ad hoc committee, chaired by Dr. Froeling. The other committee members are Dr. Dale Cupp, Dr. B.A. Rucker, Dr. Jennifer LaPlume, Jayme Leonard, Debbie Linton and Lisa Oliphant. Ms. Leonard and Ms. Linton both hold certification from the International Assoc. of Equine Dentists, a group of approximately 500 nationwide. Ms. Oliphant is an inspector with DHP who has equine experience from a consumer perspective as well as from her

inspections of large animal practices.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On properly seconded motion by Ms. Lakie, the Board voted unanimously to correct the minutes of the May 10, 2005 conference call regarding Dr. Cromer to reflect that the Board rejected the Consent Order as offered and to counter offer with a Consent Order that included a reprimand and CE.

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Horner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 2, 2005, February 3, 2005, February 16, 2005, April 5, 2005, April 7, 2005 and April 26, 2005 as presented and to approve the minutes of May 10, 2005 as corrected.

**REGULATIONS:**

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Siemering, the Board voted unanimously to approved as final the regulations on delegation to an agency subordinate.

The Board reviewed the Fast Track Regulations proposal that have been submitted to the Dept. of Planning and Budget. On properly seconded motion by Dr. Horner, the Board voted to accept the language as presented with one correction in section E. There is a typo in that the word "at" was left out of the last sentence. It should state "An animal is not considered immunized for at least 28 days after the initial or primary vaccination is administered."

**REQUESTS FOR CE EXTENSIONS AND WAIVERS:**

**Christine L. Dixon, DVM**

A request for an extension of time to obtain the required CE was received from Dr. Dixon because she did not obtain any CE in 2003 or 2004.

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Horner, the Board voted unanimously to deny the request for Dr. Dixon.

**Gael L. DeLonge, DVM**

A request for an extension of time to obtain the required CE was received from Dr. DeLonge citing physical disabilities.

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Siemering, the Board voted unanimously to grant Dr. DeLonge an extension until May 24, 2005 to receive her CE.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE INSPECTORS:**

The inspectors posed several questions to the Board for clarification. They included the labeling of compounded drugs, discussion of assistants and scaling teeth, preceptorships, clarification of disclosure forms, clarification on recordkeeping and a discussion of regarding inspecting clinics when the veterinarian in charge is not on premises and what is a reasonable time to wait.

Dr. Carter stated that a newsletter would be disseminated to inform the licensees of many of these issues.

**LVT TESTING DATE:**

Dr. Carter stated that the VVMA and the two veterinary technician training programs in Virginia have asked that the Board administer the VTNBE in January as well as in June.

On properly seconded motion by Ms. Lakie, the board voted unanimously to administer the VTNBE in January and June, simultaneously at Blue Ridge Community College and Northern Va. Community College.

**REPORT FROM CE COMMITTEE:**

Ms. Lakie reported that a faculty member at Blue Ridge Community College, Dr. Jan Larsen, is willing to develop a veterinary medical record keeping continuing education course that will most likely meet the needs of the Board and other states' seeking a source of CE on this issue. She stated that Dr. Larsen should have a syllabus and course outline by the end of June and that she could offer the CE twice a year at the beginning and end of the summer. It would most likely be a 2-3 hour course, interactive, and hopefully web based eventually.

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Horner, the Board voted unanimously to give provisional approval to this course until such time as the full Board meets in August and can review it and give their approval.

**FAQ's FOR WEBSITE:**

The Board reviewed a document prepared by Ms. Behr that would substantially revise the FAQ's on the Board's website. The Board would like to include a cross reference to the guidance documents for ease of use by inquirers. They also made a correction to the question as to whether veterinarians are required by law to release records. The directed that it read, "While veterinarians are not required by law or regulation to release records, should any harm come to the animal because of the refusal to release records, the veterinarian could be held liable." They would also like a section included on what to do upon a change in veterinarian in charge.

On properly seconded motion by Ms. Lakie, the Board voted unanimously to accept the FAQ's document with the changes noted above.

**BOARD DISCUSSIONS:**

**Question from Robin Knopp, DVM**

Dr. Knopp asked the Board for guidance on offering the Dhlpp vaccinations on a 2 year schedule. The Board directed Dr. Carter to advise Dr. Knopp that he should adhere to the manufacturer's guidelines.

**Question from Ms. Lakie**

Ms. Lakie stated that she has received inquiries from perspective veterinary technician students regarding certain training programs that they were told by the program that Virginia accepted for licensure, but they are not AVMA accredited.

Dr. Carter stated that she would include information in the newsletter to direct perspective students to contact the AVMA to ascertain if a program is AVMA accredited before they sign up to take it.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Dr. Carter reported to the Board regarding the budget and that fees may need to be adjusted because the Board has too much of an overage of funds. She stated that she hoped to have something to present to them at the August meeting.

Dr. Carter updated the Board on the case statistics. She stated that about 74% of their

cases involve standard of care issues.

Dr. Carter asked if a Board member would like to attend the annual AAVSB meeting in Kansas City in September. Ms Behr will be attending the meeting. None of the Board members are able to go.

Dr. Carter reported on the activities of the Board of Health Professions and the study pending on the need to regulate naturopaths. She also updated the Board on the telehealth issue, the budget and the Issues Forum to be held in the fall.

**ISSUE OF CONFERENCE CALLS:** Ms. Lakie brought up the issue of the conference calls the Board has had to be involved in recently. She does not believe that the full Board should be resolving these issues via conference call without benefit of any background information.

Dr. Carter stated that she will draft procedures for Board and counsel review and that the Board president should decide if a case will be heard by conference call.

**FAREWELL TO DR. HORNER:** Dr. Carter, Dr. Wise and Gail Jaspen presented a plaque to Dr. Horner honoring him for his service to the Board. This was Dr. Horner's last meeting unless a new Board member hasn't been named by June 30, 2005.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

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John T. Wise, DVM, President

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Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director