

2009 Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2009

We had 23 members and guests present and we hope the new faces we saw will join our association. The secretary's report was read. Treasurer's report was approximately \$9200. It's time to pay dues for 2009. Give your \$25 to Jen.

Old Business

Fall Conference: Erica told us about 2 possible speakers that work together who could present a general diagnostic topic and also provide wet labs. However their charge was rather pricey at \$5000. There is a possibility that IDEXX or Heska may sponsor them. Suggestions on other speakers will be welcomed.

New Business

Since our treasury is in good shape Erica asked us to think about ideas for a fun group outing. Bring suggestions to the next meeting.

Techonomics: In an effort to help vet techs looking for jobs and clinics looking for vet techs Erica suggested that we let clinics advertise their job openings on the CIVTA website free for a month.

There is an IVMA Tech Meeting on June 20th. CIVTA will be sending a brochure if your name is on the mailing list.

Speaker

Our speaker for the night was Josh Lizer, a master's degree student at ISU in Veterinary Microbiology. He spoke to us about Canine Parvo Virus and his research on this disease.

March 25, 2009

We had 17 members and guests present. Secretary's report was read. Treasurer's report was approximately \$9200. Please pay your dues of \$25 to Jen.

Fall Conference 2009: IDEXX will sponsor a speaker and one will be booked by next meeting.

Fun outing ideas were again discussed. Touring the Great Ape Trust was brought up but it could be expensive. Jackie will look into it.

Techonomics: CIVTA will offer free ads on the website for about 2 months to clinics that need techs and techs that need jobs.

The IVMA Tech Meeting will be held June 20 at the ARL. Topics will center on Nutrition. Cost is \$50-\$60 depending on time of registration and if you are a CIVTA member.

NAVTA (National Association of Vet Techs in America) needs people to submit articles. For the Summer 2009 issue of their publication they are looking for seasonal articles such as fleas/ticks, heat distress etc.

The National Animal Health Emergency Response Corp is looking for qualified applicants to work on emergency response teams when needed for animal health care during natural disasters or other emergencies. They will train people and offer pay.

A donation of \$200 was made to the Iowa Hall of Fame for Animals by the CIVTA. They are always looking for animal nominees in the various categories. If you know of any worthy animals you can apply online.

Speaker

Our speaker for the evening was Michael Nieuwsma of Fovea Labs. He spoke to us on the benefits of surgical and therapy lasers.

April 29, 2009

We had 16 members and guests present. Treasurer's report was \$8500.

Fall Conference, Oct 10: Speakers are booked. They are Dr. Sharon Dial and Dr. Andrew Rosenfeld from Arizona State University. They are CSI Clinical Diagnosticians and will do a program of 5-6 hours. More sponsorship is being sought to help pay expenses.

Fun Event: Jackie gave us information on touring the Great Ape Trust. Erica gave us a few other suggestions for activities. The one the group decided on was "Winestock" at the Dale Valley Winery in Stuart, Iowa. The event takes place on July 18 and will include wine tasting, food and live bands.

June 20: IVMA Tech Meeting at the ARL. Topics are on nutrition and the cost is \$50-60.

Techonomics: So far the website is listing 3 practices that want to hire techs.

Speaker

The speaker for the evening was Michelle Beaty of Royal Canin. She spoke to us on obesity in pets.

May 27, 2009

There were 14 members and guests present. Treasurer's report was \$8300.

Information was passed around concerning the Iowa State Fair Animal Learning Center and H1N1 virus from the National Pork Board.

Continuing Education: On June 14 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Johnston Dr. Drew Turner of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons will be the presenter from 9-4. This will be worth 6 hours of CE.

Continuing Education: On June 27th at the new vet facility at ISU Deb Coleman will present "Equine Anesthesia for Technicians." This runs from 8-5 with a wet lab from 2-5. Up to 8 hours of CE will be available.

Fun Event: A signup sheet for members and guests who want to attend Winestock on July 18 was passed around.

Speaker

Our speaker for the evening was Ann Garvey, DVM, State Public Health Veterinarian for the Iowa Department of Public Health. She presented valuable information on rabies.

June 24, 2009

Winestock-July 18th noon-9 pm. In Stuart Iowa. A sign up sheet was passed around last month. If you are interested in participating please contact Erica. We plan to meet at DMACC and caravan to the event. Erica will contact people who have signed up with exact details. CIVTA will cover \$6 fee. Bottled wine will be available for \$12-\$14. There will also be music (6 different bands) and food will be available for purchase.

CIVTA Fall Conf. There was much discussion about the Fall Conf. budget. It was decided to cancel the CSI Clinical Diagnostics presenters due to the 5k cost. We will pursue other cheaper venues (ARL conf center) and other speakers with smaller honorariums. DeeDee will contact some people from AVECCT for possible speakers on emergency topics. Erica will contact potential sponsors and make them aware of the changes.

Pet Expo-a vote was taken to skip the pet expo booth this year due to cost and lack of recruitment from previous years.

The IVMA Annual Meeting is Sept 17-18th in Ames. Erica has already booked a booth for the CIVTA and will be looking for volunteers at upcoming meetings.

The IVMA is also looking for volunteers for their Vet Camps to be held at County Fairs across Iowa. To volunteer go to the IVMA web site or contact DeeDee

Speaker

Our speakers for the evening were Kristen Bredemeier and Heda from ISU Wildlife Care Clinic Animals Present: Great Horn Owl, Red Tail Hawk, Long Eared Owl WCC is a not for profit organization that uses donated space at the ISU vet school. WCC runs on donations and income from educational programs. The WCC is always looking for volunteers (requires 4 hours commitment per month) Dr. Lin Kauffman oversees the clinic The Wildlife Care Clinic is open Monday through Friday from 7am until 5 pm and weekends from 9am until noon. We also offer a 24-hour emergency service. Daily patient care, rehabilitation, wildlife education, zoonosis and transfer of disease from wildlife to pets were also topics that were discussed. Examples of patient's the WCC has had include but are not limited to: fox, woodchuck, fawn, rabbits, owls, hawks, falcons, eagles, mink, snapping turtle and trumpeter swan. The Wildlife Care Clinic is a nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to provide medical attention, rehabilitation, and facilities for injured or orphaned wildlife. ??We aim to educate the public on the importance of Iowa's and the Midwest's, native wildlife and environment. As a secondary mission, we aim to place non-releasable wildlife with other licensed wildlife professionals for education and housing purposes.

July 29, 2009

There were 12 members and guests present.

Fall Conference: Members voted to make changes in the Fall Conference venue and speakers due to high expenses. The Conference will be held at the ARL and Hy-Vee will cater. The speaker will be Jessica Kerr of Four Paws Consulting. She will speak about: Critical Care Nursing, Reproductive Emergencies, What does this ECG mean?, and Are Greyhound owners crazy? The Conference will be worth 5 CEU.

The fall IVMA Meeting will be held on Sept 17-18 at the Ames Scheman Building. CIVTA will have a booth. Volunteers to sit with Erica are welcome.

CIVTA will not be having a booth at the Pet Expo this year.

Entertainment books will ship Aug. 17th. We are getting around 30 books. They will sell for \$20 and we will keep \$10 of that as long as we continue to commit to selling each year.

Speaker

Our speaker for the evening was Dr. Denise Mankin of the Animal Emergency Clinic in Des Moines. She talked about Gastric Dilatation-Volvulus and her experience treating this condition.

Aug. 26, 2009

There were 10 members and guests present.

Treasurer's report was \$8200. Jen also reported that we received half of our deposit back from Prairie Meadows which was \$250.

Erica was under the weather so Vice-president Mary Stritzel conducted the meeting.

The Entertainment books have arrived. There are also posters and displays available. Anyone getting books signed out the amount they were taking. Books sell for \$20 of which we keep \$10.

Fall Conference will be held on Oct. 10 from 2 - 8 pm at the ARL. Several sponsors have contributed money and door prizes and a few more are expected to contribute. Registration brochures will be out soon.

The IVMA meeting will be held Sept. 17-18 in Ames. Erica would welcome some help at the CIVTA booth.

A registration form for the "Iowans for Animal Welfare" 2009 Conference was passed around. This event will take place on Oct. 16-17 at the ARL.

Nominations for new officers were held. Nominations thus far are Leslie Anderson for Historian and Jeannie Stall for Secretary. DeeDee offered to tentatively consider the nomination for president. Nominations can also be made during the Sept. meeting when elections will take place.

Speaker

Our speaker for the evening was Carol Berhagen. She is a former veterinary technician who is now the sales rep for Petzlife. This company primarily sells animal dental cleaning and anti-anxiety products as well as shampoos and conditioners.