

## **2008 Meeting Minutes**

**March 26, 2008**

President Erica Bauer called the meeting to order. There were 17 members and guests present.

The treasurer's report was given.

### **Old Business**

Members were reminded of the IVMA Tech-only meeting in Dubuque on March 29.

Erica passed out note cards for members to suggest ideas for food to be served at upcoming meetings.

### **New Business**

There was discussion on a social activity for the club. Ideas from last month were talked about and some new ones suggested. Bowling seemed to be the activity that looked like the best. People volunteered to check out the various alleys in the area.

Fall conference this year will be held on October 25. Erica has arranged for Dr. Michel Dryden to be our speaker. There will be 5 CE available. Dr. Dryden will speak on fleas and their control, tick ecology, diagnostic parasitology and dog and cat heartworm disease. Sponsors are being lined up and our expenses should be covered.

### **Speaker**

Our guest speaker for the night was Sharla Glick from the ISU College of Veterinary Medicine. She shared her knowledge of Radiology and quizzed us on several radiographs that she had brought.

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**April 30, 2008**

President Erica Bauer called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Twelve members and one guest were present.

Due to the absence of Mary Cooper and Michelle Schaffer, neither secretary nor treasurer reports were given.

### **Old Business**

Dee Dee Schumacher shared information regarding a bowling social event for the organization. Plaza Lanes has a variety of prices and options depending on day and time. It was decided to set the date of the bowling social on Saturday, June 28th at 2 PM. A sign-up was circulated for members and guests.

Fall Conference will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2008. Dr. Michael Dryden will be the speaker. Heska and Idexx are secured sponsors. The location will be Meadows Conference Center at Prairie Meadows. Prairie Meadows is waiving the room charge for the day. Projection equipment is available for rent. Registration fees were set at \$45 for CIVTA members/ \$65 for non-CIVTA members early and \$55 for CIVTA members/ \$80 for non-CIVTA members late. The IVMA office will set the deadline for early registration.

## **New Business**

Lori Martindale distributed copies of the proposed changes to Iowa law regarding duties of licensed veterinary technicians and certified veterinary assistants. A meeting is being held by IVMA on May 1, 2008, from 7-9 PM at Best Western in Ankeny.

The IVMA Fall Conference will be held September 11-12, 2008 in Ames. The CIVTA will be registering for a booth space. Fall Conference will be promoted at the booth to bolster attendance.

Tufts University will be holding a conference with veterinary technician topics on May 4th.

Magnets are still available for sale. Cost for each is \$5. See Dee Dee Schumacher if you are interested.

Membership dues may be turned in to Michelle Schaffer. Dues are \$25 each year.

The speaker for May's monthly meeting will be Mark Shearer from the Department of Homeland Security. He will speak on disaster relief.

Upcoming speaker for June's monthly meeting will be Jim Carney, one of the lawyers for the IVMA. He will cover legal issues regarding veterinary medicine.

## **Speaker**

Tonight's speaker was Dr. Bob Foss of Ashworth Road Animal Hospital. He educated members about diseases of the eye by location, proper instruments and equipment for ophthalmic exams, and the role of a veterinary technician during an ophthalmic exam. Thank you, Dr. Foss, for sharing your insight, experiences, and pictures with us.

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## **May 28, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by President Erica Bauer with 13 members present.

Last month's minutes were read. There was no Treasurer's report.

## **Old Business**

The sign-up sheet for the bowling party on June 28 was passed around.

We were brought up to date on proposed IVMA rule changes regarding duties allowed to be performed by certified vet techs versus lay people in veterinary practice.

## **New Business**

Erica has reserved 20 Entertainment Books for the club to sell this fall. We will get to keep 50% of the sale price of \$20 for each book sold.

CIVTA members have been asked to volunteer to work at the Animal Learning Center at the Iowa State Fair again this year. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Volunteers will work 6-hour shifts and receive a free parking pass and admission to the fair. This year the Animal Learning Center will have veterinarians performing dog spays at the Live Surgical Suite, which the public may view via television screens.

## **Speaker**

Our guest speaker for the night was Dr. Randy Wheeler, Assistant State Veterinarian at the Iowa Department of Agriculture. He spoke to us about the IVRRT, the Iowa Veterinary Rapid Response Team. This group has people ready to act on behalf of animals in the event of a natural disaster or act of bio-terrorism. He showed us photos of such teams at the Katrina disaster and the recent Parkersburg tornado site.

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## **June 25, 2008**

There were 15 members and guests present when President Erica Bauer called the meeting to order.

The May meeting minutes were read.

Treasurer's report was given

## **Old Business**

The sign-up sheet for the bowling party was still available.

There is no change in status on the proposed IVMA rule changes regarding veterinary technicians as of yet.

Entertainment books will be coming in approximately two months.

## **New Business**

There was discussion on having Tech of the Year Awards. In the past we have had awards for attendance, volunteering and overall tech. Erica suggested that this year we add points for the sales of Entertainment Books - one point for the first book and an additional point for each 5 books thereafter.

Erica will be in touch with Amanda Penning of Merial in regard to their generous donations of the gift packages.

The Fall Conference is set for Oct. 25. Erica is getting funds from some sponsors and still contacting others. She also suggested that her husband may be able to provide candy cranes filled with pet treats so everyone could have some fun and go home with a little something for their animals.

The IVMA Annual Meeting is set for Sept. 11-12. CIVTA will have a booth there and a sign-up sheet will be passed around at the next meeting.

The Pet Expo will be held on Oct. 18-19. Members voted to have a booth there again this year. We discussed selling items and also having some interactive things with people where they could look at an x-ray, read a microchip or use a stethoscope.

Volunteers are needed for the Animal Learning Center at the Iowa State Fair. Techs can sign-up at the IVMA website.

There is a new dog park in Indianola. A brochure was passed around.

## **Speaker**

Our speaker for the evening was Julie Foster who is the President of the Board of Directors for the Animal Lifeline of Iowa, a no-kill shelter for special needs dogs and cats located at 4521 SE 14th St. in Des Moines. She spoke about the animal care, adoption process and volunteer opportunities at the shelter as well as the dedication of the people who work and volunteer their time there.

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## **July 30, 2008**

The meeting was called to order with 11 members and one guest present.

The June meeting minutes were read.

No treasurer's report was given

## **Old Business**

People who attended the bowling party reported that they had a great time and scored high

Tech of the Year Awards: Amanda Penning of Merial will provide 3 awards worth \$100 each for the three award categories of attendance, volunteering and overall tech. The presentations will be made at the supper break at Fall Conference.

Entertainment books will be here August 13. Erica has some posters available to help with sales.

Fall Conference is set for Oct. 25. Sponsors have been lined up. Dr. Michael Dryden is our speaker this year. Erica had prepared a draft of the brochure for member comments.

State Fair Animal Learning Center: Most of the volunteer slots have been filled. A Vet Camp activity for children is being planned and 126 kids have been signed up. CIVTA members can volunteer to help with this as well.

## **New Business**

The IVMA Annual Meeting is Sept. 11-12. A program was passed around. Volunteers are needed.

Pet Expo is Oct.18-19. For our booth Erica has arranged with Home Again to do demonstrations of microchip readings on pets. We discussed selling items as a fundraiser. The CIVTA has also been asked to possibly provide some volunteers to help with the Junior Pet Vet Area where children can learn some basics on how a veterinarian examines a pet.

## **Speaker**

Our speaker for the evening was Dr. Stephanie White who is a veterinarian at Prairie Meadows Racetrack. She spoke about racetrack medicine and ethics. She also had some interesting photos and answered many questions about this unique type of veterinary practice.

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## **August 27, 2008**

There were 8 members present and one guest. Treasurer's report was approximately \$4600

## **Old Business**

Entertainment books are here. Erica has them to buy for yourself or to sell. To help her out please keep track of how many you sell. We must sell at least 10 books per year to keep our current profit rate.

The IVMA annual Meeting is Sept. 11-12. If you want to get tested for rabies titer you may go and get that done for \$77.50 without having to attend the meeting

Flyers for Fall Conference will be out next week.

Pet Expo is Oct. 18-19. A signup sheet was passed around and will be passed around at the next meeting as well. We will be demonstrating microchip reading at our booth.

Fall Conference is Oct. 25. Door prizes are needed.? Our main sponsors are Merial, Heska and IDEXX.

## **New Business**

Nominations for new 2009 officers were taken and are as follows: Vice-president-Mary Stritzel, Treasurer-Jen Firzlaff.? Voting will be at next month's meeting.

## **Speaker**

Our speaker for the evening was Tyler Bettin, Production Education Director for the Iowa Pork Producers Association. Tyler spoke to us about the PQA program (Pork Quality Assurance) and answered several questions.

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## **October 25, 2008**

The 2008 CIVTA Fall Conference was held on Oct. 25 from 2-8 pm at The Meadows in Altoona. There were 72 technicians in attendance. Dr. Michael Dryden of Kansas State University gave a lively and interesting presentation on fleas, ticks and canine and feline heartworm disease. He kept the audience engaged and many questions were posed and answered. Eight vendors had booths in the back of the room and techs could visit them during breaks. One fun addition was the crane machine stocked with pet treats and toys thanks to KD Game Room Supply. Snacks and a meal were provided during the conference. Everyone one who stayed after the conference received a door prize.

## **Awards**

Technician of the year awards were given out. The technician awards were sponsored by Merial. The deserving recipients were as follows:

Erica Bauer: Volunteer participation, \$100 Spa certificate

Lori Martindale: Attendance, \$100 gas card

Jenny Firzlaff, \$100 Jordan Creek gift certificate

## **Sponsors**

Dr. Dryden was sponsored by Merial and IDEXX Labs and the conference was sponsored by Heska. The CIVTA thanks all our generous sponsors, vendors and door prizes donors. These include Ivesco, Wiley-Blackwell, Royal Canin and Hills.