

## **2007 Meeting Minutes**

March 28, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Katie Hochstetler with 21 members and guests present.

Treasurer's Report was given

Old/New Business:

It was announced that secretary Nikki Scar did not feel that she could continue in her duties due to her soon-to-arrive baby. Under light pressure Mary Cooper volunteered to fill the position.

Erica Bauer has been working on the website and will see that it is regularly updated. She asked for items to be submitted to her to post.

DeeDee reported that she had spoken to Dr. Tom Johnson regarding IVMA input on their Annual Winter conference. He wanted it known that meetings are for both vets and techs and they will make this known better in upcoming publications. The CIVTA can participate by putting together lectures. They have offered to help with our Fall Conference.

Michelle told us about trying to visit a dog bakery in the East Village which seems to have variable hours. But next to this business she looked into a consignment/antique type store that rents out space for people to sell items. She suggested that the CIVTA may want to look into renting a space to sell our magnets and other materials.

Unemployed tech Lori Finn had asked about putting an ad in our newsletter to look for a vet tech position. The group agreed to let dues paying members put in such ads at no charge.

DeeDee passed around a VSPN Notebook and recommended it as a quick reference for vet techs.  
Cost: \$44.00

Meeting was closed and the guest speaker was introduced.

Dr. Deirdre Farr spoke about her practice, Des Moines Veterinary Acupuncture. She offers holistic veterinary care to animals that may not have responded to allopathic medicine or have chronic conditions. She presented it as integrated medicine, one that takes into account the whole lifestyle of an animal to decide the appropriate treatment. She presented the various modalities of holistic care: acupuncture, herbs, chiropractic, homotoxicology, diet and nutritional support. Fyre Martindale assisted with a demonstration of acupressure.

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**April 25, 2007**

President Katie Hochstetler called the meeting to order with 25 members and guests present.

Treasurer's report was given

## **Old Business**

Michelle Schaffer reported that she had done some research on the consignment store she had told us about in the March meeting. It is called the Northland Mall and is located in the East Village. It is a place where people can rent space to sell items. There are two options: rent a 6 ft. shelf for \$20.00 per month or rent a 4ft. by 8ft. space and provide your own shelving for \$48.00 per month. The owner would pay the consigner for items sold two times a month.

## **New Business**

DeeDee Schumacher has been looking into options for the Fall Conference. She found that it would be difficult to set up a wet lab and that only a certain number of people would be able to participate. However Dr. Rich Alleman had offered to do a presentation on Hematology, Cytology and Urinology for an amount in our price range. This would give attending members 5 Continuing Ed Credits. The group voted to accept this offer and DeeDee will book it for Sat., Oct 27. Time and place TBA.

DeeDee requested samples that she could use in DMACC classes for vet tech students. She will take urine, blood, smears, parasites or any other cool or unique samples.

## **Speaker**

Our guest speaker was Dr. Denise Manken of the Animal Emergency and Referral Center. She spoke on bandaging techniques and had examples of various bandages, padding, splints and tape. She demonstrated a leg bandage on a dog and fielded questions. Michelle Jackovich and Erica Bauer came up and performed examples of a leg bandage and a head bandage. After that other members were invited to practice the techniques with the pets that were there. Many thanks to the volunteer pets and the people that were kind enough to bring them to the meeting.

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## **May 30, 2007**

President Katie Hochstetler called the meeting to order with 17 members and guests present.

Minutes from the April 25th meeting were read.

There was no treasure's report.

## **Old Business**

Discussion continued on getting a space at the Northland Mall consignment store. After reviewing the options the members voted to rent the 6-foot shelf for \$20.00 per month. Michelle Schaffer and Katie will coordinate the project. Volunteers will be needed in the future to stock the shelf and collect payments.

It was announced that former secretary Nikki Scar had delivered her baby, a boy named Carter. Pictures will be coming.

## **New Business**

The IVMA Annual Meeting will be held Sept 13-14. After a brief discussion it was decided that the CIVTA will have a booth at this event. Volunteers will be needed.

Erica Bauer reminded us that the CIVTA website is up and running. She also informed us of a possible fundraiser. The website could be used as a place to run Google ads specific for the veterinary field. We would get a small payment whenever anyone clicks on these ads. We would have control over what appeared on our site. Members were in favor of trying this for a month.

DeeDee Schmacher gave us a [Fall Conference](#) update. She has booked Dr. Rich Alleman from Florida State University as our speaker. He will speak on Hematology, Cytology and Urinalysis. Five CEU will be given for attendance. The conference will be held on Oct. 27 in the afternoon at the Adventureland Inn. A much nicer room will be available for our use this year. We will have several of our former sponsors but DeeDee was requesting help in getting others and also for help in putting together the brochure.

Third year veterinary student and IVMA intern Nate Hansen took the floor next. He described the new Animal Learning Center building at the Iowa State Fair and some of the animal displays and vet med demonstrations planned for fair time. The Fair will be held on Aug. 9-19. Nate was asking if some of our members would volunteer to work at the IVMA booth. They are thinking they will have two 6 hour shifts per day but will be flexible. DeeDee will be in touch with Nate and will have more information later.

## **Speaker**

Our guest speaker was Dr. Bryan Wayne of Oaks Veterinary Clinic who spoke about veterinary care of furry pocket pets and reptiles. Dr. Wayne said that a good library of information on these exotic animals and specialized small equipment is a must. He also spoke about drugs and anesthesia that works for these animals. He had an interesting slide show and many stories of his experiences.

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## **June 27, 2007**

President Katie Hochstetler called the meeting to order with 15 members and guests present.

Minutes from the May 30th meeting were read.

The treasure's report was read.

## **Old Business**

Members were reminded that volunteers are needed for the Iowa State Fair at the IVMA booth. Sign-up can be done on the CIVTA website.

Webmaster Erica Bauer reported that our site had received two contacts on the Google ads and that we will earn a small payment for this.

Volunteers will also be needed at the IVMA Annual Meeting on Sept. 13-14. Members are to let Katie know if they are available. DeeDee said she would be redoing the CIVTA sign and Katie offered to help her with that.

DeeDee has continued working on the Fall Conference set for Oct. 27. She has lined up several sponsors but could still use some help. Costs will be the same as last year. It was decided that registration at Adventureland Inn will be from 1:30-2:00pm and the conference will start at 2 o'clock.

## **New Business**

Lori Martindale informed us about an upcoming seminar on Surgical Nursing Care for Small Animals in Omaha. Cost is \$159.00 for 6 hours of CE. Copies of the registration form were passed around.

DeeDee asked if members were interested in sponsoring a horserace at Prairie Meadows. This would include booth seating, a buffet and our association name up in lights. She will check into availability.

## **Speaker**

Our guest speaker was Amanda Penning from Merial. She spoke to us about equine gastric ulcer syndrome. This condition is much more common in horses than originally thought and not just in high performance animals. She spoke about the Merial products available: preventative UlcerGard and prescription treatment GastroGard. As always prevention is better and cheaper than treatment. Amanda also provided some nice door prizes.

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## **July 25, 2007**

The meeting was opened with 23 members and guests present.

Minutes from the June 27th meeting were read.

The treasure's report was read.

## **Old Business**

DeeDee provided detailed information on renting a Prairie Meadows Party Box. The box is for 12-16 people and costs \$135.00 plus a buffet for \$13.95 per person. The members voted to attend on Friday,

Aug. 24. It was decided that the CIVTA would pay for dues-paying members. Significant others may go as well but they will have to pay their own way. This info is to be posted on the website.

DeeDee also told us more specifics about volunteering at the State Fair. This would involve providing animal information to the public in the Live Birthing Suite. This will be in the new Animal Learning Center in conjunction with the IVMA. Shifts will be from 9am to 3pm and 3pm to 9pm each day. Parking, entrance fee and a scrub top will be provided. Members then volunteered for shifts that needed to be filled.

## **New Business**

A sheet was passed around concerning a bowling fundraiser for the Great Ape Trust. Cost is \$20.00 per ticket.

Michelle Schaffer had applications for a booth at the Pet Expo on Oct. 20-21. Members voted to participate again this year. DeeDee will check on Frisbees to give away. Katie offered discount printing service.

It was announced that July CE slips will be available pending IVMA approval.

A list of items for the club to sell was passed around. Members were asked to mark the items they liked and felt would be good sellers.

Nominations for association offices that will open this year were taken. They are as follows:

President: Erica Bauer

Secretary: Mary Cooper

Historian: Linda Blazek Garvin

Elections will take place in September.

## **Special Guest**

The CIVTA welcomed Dr. Joan Cunnick of the ISU Undergraduate Microbiology Dept. and faculty representative for the ISU Microbiology Club. She was present to offer some of the club items for sale. This included t-shirts, mugs and plush pathogenic disease toys.

## **Speaker**

Our guest speaker for the evening was Deb Coleman, Veterinary Technician Specialist in Anesthesiology at the ISU College of Veterinary Medicine. She presented guidelines for using anesthetic machines and offered many trouble-shooting tips.

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**August 29, 2007**

The meeting was called to order with 17 members and guests present.

### **Old Business**

Katie extended thanks from Nate Hansen and the IVMA to everyone who worked at the Iowa State Fair. The Animal Learning Center and Birthing Suite was a great success. She will take any suggestions on ideas to add to or improve the exhibit and pass them along to Nate.

DeeDee talked about the IVMA Annual Meeting Coming up on Sept. 13-14. She asked for some help to work at our booth. DeeDee and Katie will also be having a meeting at noon on Friday, Aug. 31 at the DMACC lab to work out some details on the booth. Anyone who wants to help is welcome to attend and get a free lunch.

Katie told a little bit about the CIVTA night out at Prairie Meadows in our Party Box. Our name was incorrectly displayed as the Central Iowa Vet Pet Association but a good time was had by all.

### **New Business**

Fall Conference is coming up on Oct. 27 at Adventureland Inn. DeeDee told us that the Abaxis Company had donated \$200 and IDEXX is going to provide some cash and stuff as well. The brochures on this event will be out soon. Dr. Rich Alleman will speak on Hematology, Cytology and Urinalysis. Five hours of CE credit will be awarded for attendance. Cost is \$40 for pre-registered dues paying members and \$50 for day-of registration. For non-members the figures are \$60 and \$65.

Pet Expo is also coming up on Oct. 20-21 and volunteers will be needed. The ever popular Frisbees have been ordered as give-aways including the smaller version for those darling smaller dogs.

Webmaster Erica Bauer wants everyone's correct email address to send out info and better our communications. She also told us that the 2008 Entertainment Books are out and she needs help in selling them. Cost is \$20 per book. She then offered some information on the availability of a gaming type fundraiser.

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Lori Martindale had information on a Lepto Seminar in Omaha on Sept. 20. Two CE credits are available.

Jenny Firzlaff is again taking orders for GDVMA rabies tags. The club sells these tags as a fundraiser and offers them at considerable discount over retail to veterinary clinics.

Election of new CIVTA officers will take place at the September meeting. The floor was opened to any other nominations that members wanted to add. The nominations are as follows:

President: Erica Bauer

Secretary: Mary Cooper

Historian: Linda Blazek Garvin and Danielle Korver

Be There To Vote.

## **Speaker**

Meeting was adjourned and we welcomed our surprise guest speaker. Maggie Moss, who was originally scheduled to speak, found that she had another pressing engagement and could not attend. She will be scheduled for a future meeting. But DeeDee saved the day by asking new DMACC instructor, Dr. Frank Cerfogli to fill in. He spoke to us on his service as a military veterinarian in Afghanistan. It was a most interesting and entertaining presentation on a very challenging type of veterinary practice. We could almost feel the heat and taste the dust!

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