



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

June 17, 2009

Public Minutes: June 12, 2009

The regular board meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Veterinary Medicine was held at the State House Annex, Room 201, 25 Capitol Street, Concord, NH.

Members present: Jennifer Sula, DVM, Vice President; Michael Maki, DVM; Laurie Farrell, DVM; Stephen K. Crawford, DVM, Ex Officio Member; Susan Flint, Public Member; and Timothy Fallon, DVM. Kathryn Bradley, board attorney, was present. Eileen Peterson, DVM, President, was absent.

The public segment of the meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

1. Dr. Maki made a motion to accept minutes from the April 21, 2009 meeting and Dr. Farrell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
2. The Board received correspondence from Superior Equine Pharmaceuticals, Inc., regarding distribution of illegally compounded phenylbutazone powder by veterinarians. After discussion, Dr. Farrell motioned to forward it to the Pharmacy Board and disseminate the information through the next NHVMA newsletter. Dr. Maki seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
3. An American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Memo regarding proposed bylaws changes was reviewed and will be filed.
4. The quarterly National Board Report from the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME) was reviewed and will be filed.
5. Dr. Crawford reviewed his response to the State Auditors' report. One issue the auditors had related to separation of duties and with one person on staff for the Board, that is not possible. Dr. Crawford will look into the possibility of hiring a part-time person since the Board is bringing in well over the required 125% of operating costs.
6. The administrative secretary to the Board asked about changing the renewal process for reviewing CE credits as it's very time consuming. After discussion, it was decided to require confirmation of obtaining CE credits such as a certificate of attendance to a Board approved program, beginning with 2010 renewals.

7. A request to allow 2 CE credits was received from Dr. Madan Khare, VetMedConsulting.com, for a program he would present on the state's laws and rules. After discussion, Dr. Farrell motioned to deny CE credits as it does not meet the medical/surgical criteria for CE approval. Dr. Crawford seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
8. A CE request was received for approval of a working dog conference held in May 2009. After review, Dr. Crawford motioned to request more information before making a decision and Ms. Flint seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
9. Two CE credits were requested by the Veterinary Emergency & Surgery Hospital of Brentwood for a program on stem cells to be held June 23, 2009. After discussion, Dr. Crawford motioned to grant the request if it is RACE approved. Dr. Farrell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
10. Two CE credits were requested by Fort Dodge Animal Health for the program "Current Issues in Feline Medicine/How to Build the Feline Portion of Your Practice." After discussion, Dr. Farrell motioned to deny CE credits as it does not meet the Board's criteria for approval and because it contains some practice management as well as having a non-board certified speaker. Dr. Maki seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
11. Dr. Andrew Eschner, Merial, requested 1.5 CE credits for the program "Spirochetes and Meatballs" which was held May 14, 2009 and will be held again June 18, 2009. After discussion, Dr. Maki motioned to deny the request as it does not meet the Board's criteria for CE approval with regard to the program content and having a non-board certified speaker. Dr. Sula seconded. All in favor, motion carried
12. A practice manager from a veterinary hospital sent an e-mail asking for clarification of the Board's Rabies Clinic policy as stated in the NHVMA newsletter. After discussion, a response will be sent to the effect that a valid veterinarian/client/patient relationship (VCPR) is required for all services other than rabies vaccinations and that one year is an appropriate time frame between exams for an established client. Also, if violations of the Veterinary Practice Act are known to be occurring, a detailed complaint should be filed with the Board.
13. Dr. Farrell reviewed her investigation into the Rozzie May Animal Alliance spay/neuter clinics held in Tamworth and other towns. It appears that all is done that should be, including examinations, recordkeeping and a post operative veterinarian on call.
14. The Board discussed having a policy regarding meetings missed by board members. Dr. Crawford made a motion that, if a board member misses one meeting without prior notification, the president will speak with the member; if a member misses 3 meetings in a 12-month period, a letter will be sent to the member explaining the policy; and if a member misses 4 meetings, it will be brought up for discussion at a meeting. Dr. Maki seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Upon the motion of Dr. Crawford and the second of Dr. Sula, the board, by roll call vote, resolved to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct, noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II(c), RSA 91-A:3, II(e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, *Lodge v. Knowlton*, 118 NH 574 (1978), and the board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

The non-public segment of the meeting was called to order.

Upon the motion of Dr. Maki and the second of Dr. Sula, the board, by roll call vote, resolved to withhold the minutes of the preceding non-public sessions from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III, on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a board member and to render the proposed action ineffective. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

The next board meeting will be held August 7, 2009, at the State House Annex, Room 201, 25 Capitol Street, Concord, NH, at 8:30 a.m.

Dr. Crawford moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. and Dr. Maki seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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