



# College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

## COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, November 7, 2014

12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

River Rock Conference Centre – Similkameen Room  
8811 River Road, Richmond, BC

## MINUTES

<b>Council Members:</b>	<b>Dr. Pamela Barker, Vice-President</b>	<b>Mr. David Dewhirst, Council Member</b>	<b>Dr. Maarten Hart, Council Member</b>
	Dr. Barry McGillivray, Secretary-Treasurer	Dr. Brendan Matthews, Council Member	Dr. Nick Shaw, President
	Ms. Linda Wong, Council Member		
<b>CVBC Staff:</b>	<b>Dr. John Brocklebank, Deputy Registrar</b>	<b>Ms. Louise Crowe, Manager of Office &amp; Communications</b>	<b>Mr. Larry Odegard, Registrar &amp; CEO</b>
	Ms. Gae Sellstedt, Executive Assistant		
<b>Guest:</b>	<b>Dr. Betting Bobsien, Chair of Animal Welfare Committee</b>		

12:00 noon – Lunch

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:55 pm.

**2. ROUTINE PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

**2.1 Welcome New Council Member**

President Shaw welcomed new Council Member, Linda Wong. Dr. Shaw also introduced Dr. Bettina Bobsien, Chair of the Animal Welfare Committee who attended the meeting to speak to animal welfare issues and welcomed back Dr. Barry McGillivray from a leave of absence.

## 2.2 Approval of the Agenda

The following was added to the agenda:

- 4.2.1 SPCA Request for Support of the BC Companion Animal Identification Registry
- 4.9 Public Notification Through the Online Registry Regarding the Reason for suspension e-mail from Frits Bossen
- In-Camera session at end of Regular meeting to discuss registration hearing (1/2 hour)

**MOTION R141101:** THAT the agenda be approved as amended with the power to add.

**Moved/Seconded      Carried**

## 2.3 Approval of the Minutes of September 27, 2014.

**MOTION R141102:** THAT the Minutes of the September 27, 2014 meeting be approved as circulated.

**Moved/Seconded      Carried**

## 2.4 Task List Review

Captive Insurance:

- Dr. Kirby has been given the authority to seek opportunities to improve the rate of return on investment;
- Administrative costs of the Captive were analyzed as part of the 2014 audit. It was determined that the Captive Board authorized the expenditure to pay both Dr. Kirby and Integro Group for administration.  
*Action: President to send a letter to the Captive Board requesting an explanation of possible duplicate work.*
- Discussion regarding possible eventual dissolution of the Captive

*Action from September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting: President to send note to Chris Armstrong regarding bylaw concerns.*

## 3. BUSINESS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION/DECISION

### 3.1 AWC Issues including Bylaw(s) Cosmetic Surgery

Dr. Bobsien thanked Council for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Animal Welfare Committee. Dr. Bobsien described the AWC as an enthusiastic, educated, diverse and passionate group. The AWC believes that some of the work it is doing should be done by the CVMA, BC Chapter, however, there is little interest in that regard. The AWC is questioning

whether the CVBC should take a leadership role in the various initiatives such as cosmetic surgery, education on emerging animal welfare issues and improvement of media reporting.

Council discussed its mandated role within the province and advised Dr. Bobsien that, although there is interest in the various initiatives the AWC would like the CVBC to embark upon, the College needs to be careful that it doesn't state opinions that may be taken as advocacy.

### 3.2 Facility Name Approvals

#### 3.2.1 Nelson Mobile Veterinary Services

**MOTION R141103:** THAT the name Nelson Mobile Veterinary Services be approved as a practice or practice facility name effective November 7, 2014 in accordance with s. 37 of the CVBC Bylaws.

**Moved/Seconded      Carried**

#### 3.2.2 All Creatures Animal Hospital Ltd.

**MOTION R141104:** THAT the name All Creatures Animal Hospital Ltd. be approved as a practice or practice facility name effective November 7, 2014 in accordance with s. 37 of the CVBC Bylaws.

**Moved/Seconded      Defeated**

Non-scheduled agenda item:

Dr. Brocklebank brought forward a request for a facility name change from Dr. Parmjit Dhillon. The request was for the name 'Burrard Animal Hospital and Afterhours Ltd.' to be changed to 'Burrard Animal Hospital and Emergency', however, Council declined to discuss the issue because of the short time frame in which Dr. Dhillon sent in the (incomplete) paper work. The name change request will go forward to Council's next meeting scheduled for January 24, 2015.

### 3.3 CVMA-SBCV Chapter Request for CVBC Consent to Use the Name 'Veterinary' or 'Veterinarian'

**MOTION R141105:** THAT the CVBC authorizes the SVMA-SBCV Chapter to use the word 'veterinary' or 'veterinarian' in their name with the exception that it may not use 'British Columbia Veterinary Medical Association' as that is not consistent with the Act and the Transitional Bylaws and will cause confusion.

**Moved/Seconded      Carried**

The President advised that the CVBC should recall the name British Columbia Veterinary Medical Association and have it held in reserve.

*Action: Manager of Office & Communication to have the name recalled and have it held in reserve.*

#### 3.4 Bylaw Review Process and Feedback

The Registrar outlined the time lines regarding the review process. There have been several feedback submissions and it is anticipated that there will be others from committee chairs and members of the Bylaw Review Committee. The deadline for feedback is November 28, 2014.

#### 3.5 Emergency Service

Dr. Jay Cleroux' response was received for information.

#### 3.6 BEEP Committee – Resignations and Repopulation of Committee

The Registrar explained that Drs. Smetschka and Rana both resigned from the Committee. Dr. Smetschka indicated that she would like to continue to work on a CVBC committee, therefore, the President will contact her to determine if she wishes to be reappointed to the BEEP.

*Action: Louise to send contact information to the President.*

### 4. REPORTS RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

#### 4.1 President's Report

The President referred to his report in the Annual Report that was distributed on-table to Council and will be sent to all registrants with the Fall Newsletter.

The Annual Report included a table which detailed the complaint history. With the rising number of complaints, Council suggested that an article should be written for the CVBC web site outlining what constitutes a complaint and a list of issues that wouldn't warrant an investigation.

#### 4.2 Operational Report

The Registrar gave an overview of his report included in the agenda package and also mentioned the following:

- The CVBC was pleased to receive the Ministry appointment of Ms. Linda Wong in October, however, are still waiting for one more appointment. The Board Resourcing

and Development Office has sent the CVBC another CV, Mr. Jeremy Pierce, who is the Managing Partner of a Chartered Accountant firm.

- The CVMA is concerned about the public view of the veterinary profession and is considering hiring a marketing firm to dispel inaccuracies and negative impressions.
- There were a few points of contention between the Practice Inspection Committee (PIC) and the Investigation Committee (IC) at their recent joint meeting that need to be dealt with. The PIC and the IC have two different mandates regarding practice facilities.
- The CVBC office recently received the document 'Antimicrobial Resistance and Use in Canada – A Federal Framework for Action' which will be provided to Council electronically.
- The deadline for nominations for the CVBC Council is Saturday, November 15, 2014.

#### 4.2.1 SPCA Request for Support of the BC Companion Animal Identification Registry

**MOTION R141106:** THAT the CVBC supports the BC SPCA for the establishment and operation of a provincial, inclusive companion animal identification registry by the BC SPCA.

**Moved/Seconded      Carried**

#### 4.3 Manager's Report

The Manager of Office and Communications reported the following:

- The SPCA has a number of publications that she wasn't aware of and will be of benefit to the CVBC
- Registrants have been sent reminders regarding the nominations deadline
- Facility self-assessments received to date are three times that of last year; reminders will continue to be sent in November and December
- 163 registrants attended the regional Bylaw Review meetings. The Punjabi Veterinarians of BC, a group that meets twice per year, invited the CVBC to attend their October meeting to discuss the revisions to the bylaws and approximately 55 people were in attendance
- The office made a decision to hold off on the launch of the new CVBC web site until January 2, 2015 when invoicing and self-assessment deadlines have passed
- 30% of dues have been collected to date
- The deadline for the nominations for the CVMA awards is January 31, 2015
- The UBC Faculty of Land & Food Systems has an upcoming meeting
- Louise Crowe will be attending a webinar organized by The World Veterinary Association and the European Commission on how new technologies can empower veterinarians in the field of animal welfare

#### 4.4 Financial Report

The September 30, 2014 financial statements were distributed on-table. Compared to last year, there is a \$50,000 increase in expenses attributable to legal fees for discipline and bylaws.

#### 4.5 IC Report

The IC Report was received for information.

Following a request from the Investigation Committee, Council made the following motion:

**MOTION R141107:** THAT Council withhold reference to the Remedial Action by Consent in file 09-119-S in the online registry pursuant to s. 41(3)(b) of the *Veterinarians Act* on the basis that the privacy interests of Veterinarian 'A' outweigh the public interest in the disclosure of the information.

**Moved/Seconded      Carried**

#### 4.6 Report on New Registrants

The Report was received for information.

#### 4.7 Report on Change of Registration class

The Report was received for information.

#### 4.8 PIC Investigators Legal Education & Training

Council discussed the two letters contained in the agenda package – one from PIC to the complainant and the response back from the complainant – regarding 24 hour emergency care. Council members suggested that 24 hour care should be defined by a policy or be written into the bylaws.

#### 4.9 Public Notification through the Online Registry Regarding the Reason for Suspension – e-mail from Frits Bossen

The response from Dr. Bossen was received for information. There is no action required by Council.

OTHER:

Dr. Bettina Bobsien has requested that the Ear Cropping document be sent to registrants by e-mail prior to the registrant vote on the bylaws.

Dr. Bettina Bobsien has asked the CVBC to send a letter to Government requesting that the SPCA Code of Conduct be incorporated into the PCA Act. Although there was no motion, Council unanimously agreed to the request.

Council members discussed the merits of increasing the per diem rate for Council members in order to attract registrants to stand for election on Council. The current per diem rate is \$450 and does not cover the costs of a locum. In order to fall within the guidelines of the budget, it was agreed to raise the per diem rate from \$450 to \$550 effective July 2, 2015.

**MOTION R1411008:** THAT CVBC raise the Council stipend from \$450 to \$550 per day effective July 2, 2015.

**Moved/Seconded      Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm.



Dr. Nick Shaw, President



Dr. Pam Barker, Vice-President