

**COLLEGE OF VETERINARIANS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE: Saturday, May 7, 2011: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: CVBC Offices, North Vancouver, B.C.

**MINUTES**

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Drs. Kenneth Gummesson, President (Chair); Christiane Armstrong, Vice-President; Avtar Ubi, Secretary Treasurer; Kevin Harris, Robert McLeod, elected Councillors; Ms. June Clark, Mr. David Dewhirst, Mr. Bob Kucheran, public members.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ms. Valerie Osborne, Registrar.

**GUESTS:** AHTA of BC; Ms Christine Watson; Ms. Kirsten Wilson

**PROCEEDINGS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair Dr. Gummesson called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

**2. ROUTINE BUSINESS**

**2.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION R110501:** THAT the May 7, 2011 Council meeting agenda be approved as amended with the power to add.

**CARRIED**

**2.2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION R110502:** THAT the minutes of the April 1, 2011 Council meeting are approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**2.3 TASK LIST**

The Task List was noted.

Draft terms of reference for the Communications Committee are pending from the President.

**3. REGULAR OFFICE REPORTS & BUSINESS**

**3.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The President reported among other things that he has had numerous meetings and discussions regarding the litigation-related matters before the CVBC.

**Reg**

**Pres**

**3.2 OPERATIONAL REPORT**

The Council noted the Registrar’s report and asked a number of questions regarding specific items. A compilation of advice matters will be prepared when time permits. The Registrar will report back on the status of the Marohn animal abuse trial.

Reg

**3.3 FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Council reviewed and heard from the Secretary Treasurer regarding the most recent performance against budget report. He and the Registrar will produce a draft budget for the next Council meeting.

STr/Reg

**3.4 REGISTRATION REPORT**

a. *BEEP Report* PUT OVER

b. *Registration Report*

The Council noted the Registrar’s report on new registrants.

**3.5 CHANGE OF REGISTRATION CLASS REPORT**

The Council noted the report.

**3.6 FACILITY NAME APPLICATIONS**

**MOTION R110503:** That the name “BC Veterinary Surgical Services (Practice Limited to Surgery Only)” be approved as a practice or practice facility name effective May 7, 2011 in accordance with s. 37 of the CVBC Bylaws.

Reg

**DEFEATED**

The Council declined the name on the grounds 1) that it could reasonably convey that the registrant was a diplomate in surgery, and he does not in fact hold such specialist designation, 2) the term ‘BC’ could connote an official government or government-sanctioned entity and thereby cause confusion, 3) the portion in brackets was not an appropriate name element. It was also noted that name guidelines are posted on the CVBC website (with the application form).

The other alternatives had defects for the first two reasons and the Council declined to put forward a motion on any.

**MOTION R110504:** That the name “Southwest Veterinary Services” be approved as a practice or practice facility name effective May 7, 2011 in accordance with s. 37 of the CVBC Bylaws.

Reg

**CARRIED**

The above name was suggested by the Council and it will be up to the Registrant as to whether he wishes to accept the name.

**MOTION R110505:** That the name “Country Animal Hospital” be approved as a practice or practice facility name effective May 7, 2011 in accordance with s. 37 of the CVBC Bylaws.

Reg

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R110506:** That the name “Murrayville Animal Hospital” be approved as a practice or practice facility name effective May 7, 2011 in accordance with s. 37 of the CVBC Bylaws.  
**CARRIED**

Reg

**MOTION R110507:** That the name “Sumas Mountain Animal Hospital” be approved as a practice or practice facility name effective May 7, 2011 in accordance with s. 37 of the CVBC Bylaws.  
**CARRIED**

Reg

**MOTION R110508:** That the name “TKM Veterinary Internal Medicine Specialty Services” be approved as a practice or practice facility name effective May 7, 2011 in accordance with s. 37 of the CVBC Bylaws.  
**CARRIED**

Reg

**3.7 CLOSED FACILITY REPORT**

The Council noted the report.

**4. OTHER SEMI-REGULAR REPORTS**

**4.1 IC REPORTS** PUT OVER

As a separate matter, the Council may consider the appointment of a Chair for the Discipline Committee.

**4.2 BYLAW & ETHICS EXAM PANEL (BEEP) REPORT** PUT OVER

**4.3 PRACTICE INSPECTION COMMITTEE (PIC) REPORT** PUT OVER

**4.4 CVMA REPORT**

The Council directed that there no longer be a regular agenda item for a CVMA Report, as the CVBC no longer has a representative to the CVMA.

**4.5 NEB REPORT** PUT OVER

**4.6 HRC REPORT** *In camera*

**5. CONTINUING BUSINESS**

***IN CAMERA AND/OR PRIVILEGED***

**5.1 SCRT & HRT COLLATERAL CASES- UPDATES & ISSUES**

**5.2 VACT DECISION COURT APPEALS – UPDATE**

**5.3 INSURANCE UPDATES**

**5.4 TRANSITION BUSINESS**

**5.5 COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

**5.6 CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS**

The Registrar reported that most Committee members and all staff have signed the Confidentiality Agreement. One Council member and one Investigation Committee member have yet to sign, only because they were not in attendance on previous opportunities.

Reg

***NOT IN CAMERA***

**5.7 JOSHI HEARING - UPDATE**

The Registrar provided an update.

**5.8 DR. S. HARVEY INQUIRY - UPDATE**

The Registrar provided an update.

**5.9 A. JONES INQUIRY - UPDATE**

The Registrar will report back on the status of the outstanding instalment payments, and reported that the CVBC is setting down an appointment to assess the costs owing.

Reg

**5.10 AHTABC & NEW ACT - UPDATE**

The two representatives of the AHTA of BC addressed the Council regarding the provision under the Veterinarians Act for certification of Animal Health Technicians. The CVBC will develop a bylaw pursuant to s. 21 of the Veterinarians Act, to establish an Advisory Committee in relation to certified technicians, to deal with the development of bylaws relating to the certification of AHT's and delegation of tasks to AHT's. The proposed membership of the Committee:

- 1 public member of Council,
- 2 veterinary members of the Council,
- 1 veterinarian from the profession – possibly the Society of BC Veterinarians,
- the Registrar, and
- 3 AHT's, 2 of whom will be from the Board or Executive, and 1 other.

Drs Armstrong and McLeod, and Mr. Kucheran volunteered for the Committee. They and the Registrar will develop a proposed s. 21 bylaw and Committee mandate for presentation to the June 11, 2011 meeting.

Reg  
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The AHTA was invited to attend the June 11, 2011 Council meeting.

The Registrar will provide the Council with the emails of the two AHTA representatives.

Reg

**5.11 SLED DOG TASK FORCE**

Dr. Dave Kirby has agreed to represent the CVBC at a 2-day workshop on May 18 and 19, 2011, on the development of industry standards. The Ministry has reported to the CVBC that it will proceed to develop legislative amendments to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act imposing mandatory reporting of animal cruelty for veterinarians.

DK

The Registrar will investigate the approach to enforcement in provinces with existing legislation.

Reg

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### ***IN CAMERA AND/OR PRIVILEGED***

#### **6.1 TERMS OF REFERENCE – GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**MOTION R110509:** That the Council adopts the proposed terms of reference for the Governance Committee as amended.

Reg

**CARRIED**

### ***NOT IN CAMERA***

#### **6.2 BC WOLF CULL**

It was noted that in the absence of clear evidence of an ethical or competence wrong on the part of a registered veterinarian, the issue of government implementation and conduct of wildlife management programs is outside of the jurisdiction of the CVBC, as the provincial government has the authority to make such decisions and carry on such activity. Further, a complaint about the conduct or competence of a particular veterinarian must be properly made in writing pursuant to the Veterinarians Act. In any event the requester has not provided any clear evidence of veterinary misconduct. The President was directed to send a letter to the requester conveying this.

Pres

#### **6.3 FIREWORKS BAN**

The Registrar was directed to forward the request for a statement regarding the effects of fireworks noise on animals be forwarded to the CVBC's Animal Welfare Committee; the President will send a letter to the requester advising of this and also recommending that the Society of BC Veterinarians as a potential and appropriate lobbyist on this issue.

Pres

#### **6.4 SERVICE DOG LEGISLATION**

The President was directed to send a letter to the requester conveying that the CVBC supports the proposed legislation in principle and recommending that the Society of BC Veterinarians and the CVMA be approached as potential and appropriate advocates.

Pres

#### **6.5 WSAVA Membership**

**MOTION R110510:** That the CVBC does not continue to be a member of the World Small Animal Veterinary Association.

Reg

**CARRIED**

#### **6.6 GUIDELINES FOR EUTHANASIA OF ANIMALS**

It was agreed that the CVBC will attempt to produce guidelines. The Animal Welfare Committee will be asked to draft appropriate guidelines including and scenario-based decision making protocols.

Reg

**6.7 AGENDA COMMITTEE**

It was agreed that the Executive and Dr. Harris, and the Registrar, will constitute the Agenda Committee.

**6.8 COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

It was agreed that the newsletter is a main priority and the Registrar will aim to have the first issue mailed by the end of June. Every Council member is to send a short bio to the Registrar and a picture to the Manager for use in the newsletter.

Reg  
Co

**7. SELF ASSESSMENT**

A self assessment was carried out. The Council may consider the use of time limits on the agenda.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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Dr. Kenneth Gummeson, President

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Dr. Avtar Ubi, Sec-Treasurer