

COLLEGE OF VETERINARIANS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Saturday, August 13, 2011: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Drs. Kenneth Gummeson, 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: Dr. David Kopp, Chair of Investigation Committee, for items 4.1 and 5.5

PROCEEDINGS

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROUTINE BUSINESS

2.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION R110801: THAT the August 13, 2011 Council meeting agenda be approved as amended with the power to add.

CARRIED

2.2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION R110802: THAT the minutes of the June 11, 2011 Council meeting are approved as amended.

CARRIED

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MOTION R110803: THAT the minutes of the June 24, 2011 Teleconference Council meeting are approved as amended.

CARRIED

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MOTION R110804: THAT the minutes of the July 17, 2011 Teleconference Council meeting are approved as presented.

CARRIED

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2.3 TASK LIST

The Task List was noted. Some matters in particular that were noted:

- The Governance Committee will draft proposed terms of reference for a Discipline Committee Chair, and a preliminary list of issues to be addressed with respect to the DC procedures.
- Mr. Kucheran and the Deputy Registrar will move forward with the summary of drug-related legislation.
- The Registrar will check the status of a letter to be sent to Ms. Sherril Guthrie of Cat Crazy.
- The President will speak to a former Council member regarding the complaints investigator position.
- The PIC Chair will be invited to the Sept. 10 Council meeting; the Registrar will send him an email.

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3. REGULAR OFFICE REPORTS & BUSINESS

3.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President reported among other things that a meeting is planned between the Council, the Directors of the Captive Insurance Company and legal counsel, and noted that the CVBC registrants have been advised that there may be a levy to fund the Captive in the spring of 2012. As well the President attended the CVMA annual convention and related NEB and Presidents meetings, at which mobility matters and training and programs to assist international graduates are still a major topic. The President will be approaching the Minister's office with respect to government funding for international graduates programs. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the other regulators within Canada, with a view to encouraging all to in a joint initiative, lobby the CVMA and the federal government to assist in the development and funding of such programs, and encourage harmonization of licensure categories across the provinces.

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3.2 OPERATIONAL REPORT

The Registrar gave a brief operational report and touched on various recent matters throughout the meeting, including recent meetings with senior staff of the SPCA and the College of Chiropractors.

3.3 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Registrar will provide the recent financial report to the Council. It was noted that the initial 2012 budget will be known late in the day on September 12, after the ballots on the proposed annual dues bylaw have been counted. The current financial status of the CVBC was noted. A levy will likely not be required.

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3.4 REGISTRATION REPORT

a. *BEEP Report* PUT OVER

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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 R110805: That the name "Hemlock Animal Hospital" be approved as a practice or practice facility name effective August 13, 2011 in accordance with s. 37 of the CVBC Bylaws.

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CARRIED

MOTION R110806: That the name "Interior Veterinary Health Services" be approved as a practice or practice facility name effective August 13, 2011 in accordance with s. 37 of the CVBC Bylaws.

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CARRIED

MOTION R110807: That the name "Poultry Health Services Ltd." be approved as a practice or practice facility name effective August 13, 2011 in accordance with s. 37 of the CVBC Bylaws.

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CARRIED

Dr. Ubi recused himself from the following matter and did not discuss or vote on the matter.

MOTION R110808: That the name "Companion Animal Clinic", previously approved as a practice or practice facility name effective December 14, 1991, be changed to "Companion Animal Hospital" and approved as a practice or practice facility name effective August 13, 2011 in accordance with s. 37 of the CVBC Bylaws.

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No alternate names were submitted by the registrant, who will be advised that the name was too similar to the existing name "Companion Pet Hospital" of White Rock and invited to submit alternate names to the next Council meeting.

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MOTION R110809: That the name "Pacific Coast Veterinary Internal Medicine Services", previously approved as a practice or practice facility name effective June 11, 2011, be changed to "Pacific Veterinary Internal Medicine Services" and approved as a practice or practice facility name effective August 13, 2011 in accordance with s. 37 of the CVBC Bylaws.

Reg

CARRIED

MOTION R110810: That Dr. Susan Ford be granted a waiver from the requirement to pay the name approval application fee.

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CARRIED

The Registrar will amend the online information regarding name approvals to attempt to bring even greater clarity to the fact that registrants bear the responsibility to check for conflicts with the Registrar of Companies as well as the CVBC.

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4. OTHER SEMI-REGULAR REPORTS

4.1 INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Chair of the Investigation Committee (IC) Dr. David Kopp attended the meeting in person for this item, and item 5.5. The Council noted and briefly commented on the reports of dismissed cases from the IC. The urgent need for additional human resources for complaint investigators and related training was discussed. A job description and ad drafted by the Registrar were finalized and posted to the website. The ad will be posted also in the newsletter and sent to the CVJ. It was agreed that the Chair will be the contact for the position. There was a consensus that the current rules, guidelines and enforcement on advertising should be revisited as soon as possible. It was noted that the CVBC's mandate is to serve and protect the public interest, and the new Veterinarians Act permits dismissal of trivial complaints. The Registrar will ascertain the dates and locations of upcoming CLEAR training courses.

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

4.3 PRACTICE INSPECTION COMMITTEE (PIC) REPORT

There was no report.

4.4 NEB REPORT PUT OVER

The Council was advised that the report from the NEB representative following the July meetings, will be on the Sept. 10 meeting agenda.

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4.5 HRC REPORT *In camera*

It was announced that Mr. Kucheran will assist in coverage of the Registrar's administrative duties in the Registrar's absence from the office due to the HRT hearing.

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 INFORMATION MANAGEMENT - STATUS

5.5 COMPLAINTS STATISTICS & SYSTEM - UPDATE

The Registrar gave an overview of the complaints and investigation processes.

5.6 AUDIT – STATUS REPORT

NOT IN CAMERA

5.7 JOSHI HEARING - UPDATE

The Registrar reported on the status of the pending matter, and advised that the registration issue will likely have to be dealt with at the Registrar's level at first instance.

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5.8 DR. S. HARVEY INQUIRY - UPDATE

The Registrar reported on the status of the matter; Dr. Harvey has met all requirements except for a CE requirement that is not yet due.

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5.9 A. JONES INQUIRY - UPDATE

The Registrar reported on the status of the matter; the costs have been assessed at \$11,005 and the respondent has offered to pay \$9,500 by August 19, failing which the College will execute on the full order. The respondent also owed a \$20,000 fine that was due on January 31, 2011; counsel is considering enforcement options.

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5.10 MAROHN & SCHOYEN TRIAL - UPDATE

The Registrar had no further news to report; the matters were set to continue into the summer and fall.

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5.11 PCAA MANDATORY REPORTING & SPCA - UPATE

The Registrar reported that she and the Deputy Registrar met with senior staff of the SPCA. There are mutual concerns about the application and enforcement of the mandatory reporting requirements under the PCAAct, the potential for veterinarians to be sued civilly for reporting or failing to report 'in bad faith', and to be charged with an offence of failing to report or permitting distress by failing to report. The Executive Director of the SPCA, Craig Daniels will prepare a preliminary working document identifying these issues and the need for protocols.

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5.12 SLED DOG TF UPDATE & IMPLEMENTATION PROTOCOLS

The President and Registrar provided updates. The President will recommend that the implementation protocols include a requirement for review in two years. The Registrar will respond to the Ministry on the issue of the requirement that a prerequisite of annual renewal of tenure for operators on Crown Land will be a veterinarian's health assessment report.

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5.13 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

It was agreed that the Animal Welfare Committee will be asked to respond to the Ministry regarding the government employee-centered program.

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5.14 CVBC-AWC ANIMAL WELFARE ISSUES – UPDATE & RESPONSE

The Council had a general discussion about the range of animal welfare issues before them. The province will be taking on oversight of abattoirs from the federal government. Discussion are underway regarding the oversight model, it could range from self monitoring by operators to government inspection. It was agreed that it is in the public interest in effective oversight that veterinarians have a role and that the CVBC should participate in the creation of the

eventual framework. The President will approach the Ministry on this.

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5.15 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CTs - UPDATE

MOTION R110811: That the appointments of Dr. Dan McDermid and Ron Flater to the Advisory Committee on Certified Technicians are rescinded.
CARRIED

Reg/CI

The matter of bylaw development was discussed; the definition of 'certified technician' will likely be essentially, any individual certified by the CVBC as CT, and the major issues include whether and how to create different classes of CTs, the requirements for certification for different classes, and the tasks that can be delegated to different classes and the level of supervision that should be involved.

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5.16 FACILITY ACCREDITATION PARTIAL CANCELLATION

The Council noted the Practice Inspection Committee's letter to the Registrant/Designated Member of a practice, notifying him that the accreditation for major surgery had been cancelled. It was noted that clear communication between the PIC and DMs on why an actual or proposed measure does not satisfy the Facility Practice Standards is essential.

6. NEW BUSINESS

IN CAMERA AND/OR PRIVILEGED

6.1 BYLAW – DEFINITION OF CTs

The matter was dealt with under item 5.15.

6.2 FILE 08-098 - UPDATE

The Registrar provided an update.

6.3 GOVERNANCE

The presentation by Mr. Kucheran was put over to the next meeting.

NOT IN CAMERA

6.4 ANNUAL DUES BYLAW VOTE – APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

MOTION R110812: That Dr. Pawel Cichon, Dr. Mehdi Hassanzadeh and Ms. Corey Van't Haaff are appointed to scrutinize and count the ballots in respect of the vote on the proposed 2012 Bylaw Appendix C, being the Bylaw setting the 2012 Annual Registrant Dues.
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6.5 DVM INITIALS - PUT OVER

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6.7 ZOO NOTIC DISEASE REPORTING WORKING GROUP - UPDATE

The Council noted the report of the Deputy Registrar. The Vice-President will request on

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behalf of the Council that the Deputy Registrar propose that an additional disease organism be considered for addition to the list of reportable diseases.

6.8 REQUEST FOR LATE FEE WAIVER

MOTION 110813: That the Council grant Dr. Sameh Salib a waiver from the late payment fee in respect of the 2011 annual CVBC dues.

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The Council requires additional explanation from the registrant regarding the time it took to provide written reasons for a waiver.

6.8 REQUEST FOR LATE FEE WAIVER

The Council noted the report of the Deputy Registrar.

6.9 UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE UPDATE

The Council noted the report of the Registrar and discussed a chiropractor case of concern.

6.10 LETTER TO CRA RE LEVY PAYMENTS

The Council noted the verbal report, and letter from the Registrar to the CRA.

6.11 REGISTRATION SERVICE STANDARDS - STATS

The Council noted the report of the Registrar.

6.12 CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION COMPLIANCE TRACKING

The Council noted the report of the Registrar.

6.13 REGISTRATION DECISION MEMO SAMPLE

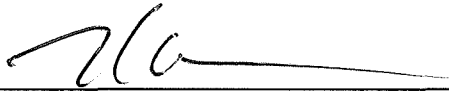
The Council noted the report of the Registrar.

7. SELF ASSESSMENT


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

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.



Dr. Kenneth Gummesson, President



Dr. Avtar Ubi, Sec-Treasurer

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