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COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Friday/Saturday, November 18/19, 2011

Friday 1:00-5:30 PM & Saturday 1:00-5:30 PM

LOCATION: Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel Surrey, B.C.

Minutes

Council Members in Attendance: Dr. Ken Gummesson – President (Chair), Dr. Chris Armstrong – Vice-President, Dr. Avtar Ubi – Secretary Treasurer, Dr. Kevin Harris, Dr. Rob McLeod (Saturday only), Mr. David Dewhirst, Mrs. June Clark and Mr. Bob Kucheran.

CVBC Staff present: Dr. John Brocklebank, Deputy Registrar and Ms. Louise Crowe, Manager of Office and Communications.

Guests: Friday - Mr. Bill Cox (BDO) re: item # 3.3 and Mr. Peter Gall (HB) re: item # 5.7
Saturday Pre-meeting – Dr. Douglas Freeman (WCVM), Dr. Rob Ashburner (WCVM Advisory Committee) and Dr. Dave Kirby regarding Sled Dog Task Force update.
Mr. Jost am Rhyn (CVMA) and Dr. Lloyd Keddie (CVMA President) re: item 5.6.

Proceedings

Action

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Gummesson, the Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:20 PM

2. **ROUTINE PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

2.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION 111101: THAT the November 18 & 19, 2011 Council meeting agenda be approved with the power to add.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes

MOTION R111102: THAT the minutes of the September 10, 2011 Council meeting are approved.

CARRIED

2.3 Task list

The task list was noted. See item 6.8



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3. REGULAR OFFICE REPORTS & BUSINESS

3.1 President's Report (verbal)

The President reported on a variety of topics such as arbitration for disputes and a Government Ministry meeting that he, Bob Kucheran, and Chris Armstrong attended. Several issues were brought up regarding the monitoring of veterinary drug sales, Sled Dogs in particular but other animal welfare concerns such as euthanasia guidelines, slaughter house inspections and the Ministry of Health development of guidelines.

The president also reported that a North Vancouver MLA, Ms. Jane Thornswaithe want to investigate puppy mills so Council may hear more from her.

3.2 Operational Report

Dr. John Brocklebank, Deputy Registrar provided a full written report.

There was some discussion about the cost of providing Special Exams and for processing Changes of Class/Status.

Direction from Council is that the office should work on a policy of 'cost recovery'.

Council Policy: Council agreed that the fee for a Change of Class should be charged year round and starting Jan. 1, 2012 the fee will be \$250.

3.3 Financial Report – Bill Cox BDO

Discussion surrounding audit and current financial situation

MOTION 111103: To approve audit statements as presented.

CARRIED

3.4 BEEP Report & Registration Report

Council noted the reports.

3.5 Change of Class Report

Council noted the report.

3.6 Facility Names

DR

MOTION 111104: That the name "Countryside Pet Hospital" be approved as a practice or practice facility name effective November 18, 2011 in accordance with s.37 of the CVBC Bylaws.

DEFEATED

No alternate names were provided by the registrant.

MOTION 11105: That the name "Sumas Village Animal Hospital" be approved as a practice or practice facility name effective November 18, 2011 in accordance with s.37 of the CVBC Bylaws.

DEFEATED

MOTION 111106: Alternate 1 – "City Animal Hospital" **DEFEATED**

MOTION 111107: Alternate 2 – "Mountain Village Hospital" **DEFEATED**

MOTION 111108: Alternate 3 – "Alpha Animal Hospital" **CARRIED**



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MOTION 111109: That the name "College Heights veterinary Clinic Ltd." be approved as a practice or practice facility name effective November 18, 2011 in accordance with s.37 of the CVBC Bylaws.

CARRIED

MOTION 111110: That the name "Homeovetbc." be approved as a practice or practice facility name effective November 18, 2011 in accordance with s.37 of the CVBC Bylaws.

DEFEATED

MOTION 111111: Alternate 1 – "Dr. Loridawn Gordon Housecall Services"

DEFEATED

MOTION 111112: Alternate 2 – "Dr. Gordon's Home Services" **DEFEATED**

MOTION 111113: Alternate 3 – "Animal Home Care" **DEFEATED**

MOTION 111114: That Council, on reconsideration, approve the name "Companion Animal Hospital Richmond" as a practice or practice facility name effective November 18, 2011 in accordance with s.37 of the CVBC Bylaws.

CARRIED

Closed Facility Report

3.7 Council noted the report.

ACCT Report

3.8 Dr. Kevin Harris provided an update.

4. **OTHER SEMI-REGULAR REPORTS**

4.1 IC Reports

- Chair Reports (Dave Kopp)
- Dismissed complaint reports
- Closing letters

Council acknowledged receipt of these reports.

4.2 BEEP Report – N/A

4.3 PIC Report –N/A

4.4 NEB Report – N/A

4.5 HRC Report

IN CAMERA AND/OR PRIVILEGED

4.6 Managing Director's Report

Discussion surrounding communication options for committees ie: Chair to attend Council meeting, teleconferences, video conference, chat rooms, annual meeting of all committees, dinner meeting before a Council meeting or other face to face meetings.

The Managing Director's top priorities are financial management, rationalizing of



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bylaws and policies (possible government assistance) and a staff restructuring.
A printed report from the Managing Director has been provided to all members of Council.

MOTION 111115: To accept the report based on the fact that we agree in principle with all recommendations in the report, that Council directs the Managing Director to prepare an action plan for implementation of the recommendations by February 15, 2012.

CARRIED

**5. CONTINUING BUSINESS
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5.1 Jones File #A06-042

5.2 Confidential and Sensitive Information

NOT IN CAMERA

5.3 Election Schedule
Council noted the schedule provided.

5.4 BCCDC
Council noted report.

5.5 Ombudsperson update
Council noted report.

5.6 Cosmetic Surgery
Discussion on how to proceed with this challenging topic. Consider a joint AWC/Council Task Force?

5.7 HRT update and issues – Peter Gall
Discussion on how to proceed with HRT.

5.8 CVMA Update (Jost am Rhyn & Dr.Lloyd Keddie)
Presentation from Lloyd Keddie on why and how CVMA would like to increase their funding.
Followed by an update from Dr. Dave Kirby on the Sled Dog Task Force.

5.9 Email addresses
Council Policy: Starting Monday, November 21, 2011 all emails are to be sent and received through CVBC email addresses.

Note: Mrs. June Clark has a dissenting opinion on this policy: it would be due to the lack of convenience in ability to access the email, in the current set up configuration, which has the potential to negatively impact timeliness and effectiveness of Council communications.



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6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Beach Avenue Barristers

Refer to the Legal Affairs Committee.

6.2 B.C. Registry and Locum Name Approval

Consider cost recovery.

MOTION 111116: That CVBC office will begin to charge \$100 for locums requiring a letter from the College to the Registrar of Companies.

CARRIED

6.3 RAC Disclosure Report & Letters

- Swartz
- IC / Kopp

Council noted receipt of letters.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to publish consent resolutions back five years. Council would like to approach the Minister's office to see if they might form a bylaw to prevent the publication of past consent resolutions in respect of verbal assurances that were given.

MOTION 111117: That Council direct the Managing Director to take no further action on publishing names of registrants involved in consent resolutions prior to September 15, 2010 until directed by Council to do otherwise.

CARRIED

6.4 Bylaws & Veterinary Students performing surgery

Discussion regarding clarification of what tasks may be delegated to veterinary students or lay persons. Similar to delegation to technicians they cannot perform spays, neuters or extractions. Standards of practice are to be determined over the next months.

6.5 Drug Purchasing / Dispensing

Veterinarians are able to purchase large amounts of drugs and although they keep a log which Practice Inspectors review, it does not say how or where it was used. Government has some serious concerns about possible abuse. The Deputy Registrar explained which drugs could be problematic. A veterinary drug database may be considered, similar to Pharmanet or a drug bylaw to assist in investigations and tracking. The Minister is looking at the possibility of a Provincial Veterinary Drug Act.

6.6 Western Veterinary Medical Associations AGMs

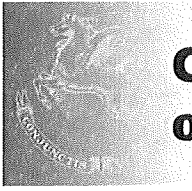
Council Policy: CVBC will not send a representative to another VMA AGM simply to bring greetings.

6.7 Correspondence

- to B. Weinberger – Council noted letter.

- from Ruth Sawatsky – Send to PIC for review and response / DR to acknowledge receipt of letter

DR / PIC



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- from Sherry Dupuis re: Emergency Service- President to respond by letter and Deputy Registrar will forward her letter to local clinics (her name redacted) Pres. DR
- from Frits Bossen – letter from President advising there is only 1 class for GPP Pres.
- from Loridaun Fawcett/Gordon – office to send letter under Pres. Signature.

6.8 Business Arising

Check to see if letter was sent to Ms. Sherril Guthrie from the President
 Change website to reflect increased fee for Change of Class.
 Provide Council with Facility Name Approval information as it appears on the website.
 Council intends to have a Annual Report including the report from the auditors before the March 3, 2012 Council meeting.

6.9 AGM planning

Discussion regarding the AGM presentations.

6.10 CVBC Awards – PUT OVER

6.11 WCVM Interviews

Put some names forward for possible interviewers.

Council meeting continued
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7. **SELF ASSESSMENT**

8. **ADJORNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM

X 

Dr. Kenneth Gummesson
 President

X 

Dr. Christiane Armstrong
 Vice President