

Northern San Joaquin Veterinary Medical Association
Minutes of Executive Board Meeting
August 9, 2011

Meeting called to order by President Bonifacio at 6:33 PM

Board Members present: Drs. Bonifacio, Sessa, Lenihan, Fox, and Tracy Reed. And proxy for Dr. Gottschalk,

Minutes of the meeting of June 29, 2011 were approved.

Officer Reports –

- President – Dr. Bonifacio
 - Addressed later
- Vice President – Dr. Lenihan
 - CE update
 - Small Animal
 - August 23 – Cushing’s Update @ Gallettos – Dechra sponsored
 - September 21 – Lunch – Dr. Rodriguez, UC-D
 - October 17 – Modesto – Parasites, Galletto; Stockton - Lepto
 - Annual meeting will be November 17 (Thursday) – Dr. David Wilson, Director, VMTH
 - Large Animal
 - Ultrasound possibly week of October 10
 - Boehringer – late September
 - Altech – possibly November
- Treasurer – Dr. Sessa
 - Review financial statement
 - Nothing further to report
- Secretary – Dr. Fox
 - New member application – Suzanne Adkins (MSP)
- Associate Member Representative – Tracy Reed, MWI representative
 - Dr. Tony Woodward for Advance Dental Seminar for DVM’s and Basic Techniques for technicians. Will analyze in October with more information regarding cost, expenses and location.
- Area Representative – Dr. Gottschalk (e-mail report)
 - Animal Advisory Board Report
 - Update from Annette about the shelter at the last meeting:
 - All the microchip scanners are up to date and universal. They have gotten rid of the out-of-date scanners so no one will use one by accident.
 - The vaccine clinics are busy – they are advertising them based on areas where they are canvassing.
 - They are continuing to work on the feral cat issue and are liaising with ACG and local Humane Society
 - They have a staff person who is the single contact person for rescue groups so that communication with them will be more efficient and consistent.
 - They are working on getting a fostering program started.
 - The AAB is looking into the pros and cons of recommending to the Supervisors (who, as I understand it, are still in charge of us) that the shelters have “specials” on adoption fees to improve adoption rates. My personal opinion is that these efforts should be focused on vulnerable populations like adult cats who don’t get adopted easily.

- Old Business
 - Finance Committee – No meeting.
 - Pet park monies – Report from Dr. O'Brien and proposal for sponsoring a meeting on feral cats and shelter medicine
 - High School counselor night still planning
- New Business
 - Lunch meetings – starting on September 21 (see above) and October possibly a roundtable with an attorney. Meetings at Vintage Gardens Banquet Room (Pellandale and Dale Rds)
 - Soliciting sponsors for portions of the annual meeting. Dr. Bonifacio to investigate.
 - Bullhorn
 - MSP to pay \$10/hour for updating the mailing list
 - MSP to budget up to \$1,000 for postage and mailing
 - Hard copy due out by end of month and faxes out now.

Next meeting to be October 4, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,
John W. Fox, DVM