

# *Niagara Frontier Veterinary Society*

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## Board of Directors Meeting August 9, 2016

Present: Amy Leach, Patrick McCarthy, Timm Otterson, Steven Schultz, Stephanie West, Nancy Fredrickson  
Absent: Melissa Andritz, Helene Chevalier, Theresa Ryndak, Rebecca Wagner, Stephanie Wolf

**DATES for the remainder of the year are Tuesday, September 13, October 11, November 15 and December 13.**

### 1. Meeting Notes

July meeting notes were approved.

### 2. President's Report

### 3. Treasurer's Report

- . Current balance in the checking account is \$28,641.53 compared with \$25,696.53 last year at this time.
- . Invoices from Mini-Vet are yet to be received.
- . Board approved holding the dues for next year at the same rate.
- . Patrick is waiting to hear back regarding the feasibility of changing our financial year to coincide with the calendar year to take advantage of possible tax implications. The board decided that in the meantime we will continue as we have, with dues notices going out at the end of August.
- . Nancy said that her rates will be going up next month. They have remained the same for five years and work has been increasing.

### 4. Committee Reports

#### **PEF – Steve**

- . The board meeting scheduled for last night was postponed. PEF has not met since the last NFVS board meeting.
- . Euthanasia Candle promotion is under way.
- . Still looking for potential new board members.

#### **Explorers – Timm**

- . The program concluded in May. It will resume with registration in November.
- . Explorers have been invited to attend the Mini-Vet school.

#### **SPCA – Helene**

- . Helene was unable to attend.

### **Mini-Vet – Amy/Theresa**

- . After a few last minute changes, material all have been printed and are ready for distribution. Board members picked up those they are able to deliver. The remainder will be mailed. Nancy asked if she could get a gift certificate to our printer for all the last minute work that saved us quite a bit of money. Board approved.
- . The board discussed an increasing problem with attendance, ie “walk-ins” who don’t pay for registration. Nancy will talk with Medaille and implement a ticket program. Attendees will receive a ticket for each session that will be collected at the door. They also will receive a hand stamp so that during breaks they can re-enter the auditorium. This will require additional staffing.
- . Nancy will talk with Medaille about paying an IT person to be present during the entire presentations. There were two programs last year that needed technical support and the Medaille person had left.
- . Nancy will contact high school counselors when school begins to make them aware of Mini-Vet for students interested in a career in veterinary medicine.

### **WNYVMA Relations – Stephanie West**

- . No meeting since last NFVS Board meeting.

### **Health Department – Stephanie Wolf**

- . Nancy reported that Pete Tripi indicated that the rabies airbait drop will begin in the next week or so. A news release will be forwarded with guidelines for any pet that may get hold of the vaccine. The hand baiting portion of the program will begin about the 22<sup>nd</sup> with helicopter drop at the end of August.
- . The state lab has been slow getting titers back to Erie County staff but should have soon. Although they cannot provide the rabies series, Pete did get the county to agree to pay for boosters for anyone needing titers that came back low.

### **College Relations – Stephanie Wolf**

- . No report. Colleges are out for the summer.

### **SMART – Stephanie Wolf**

- . No report.

### **Buffalo Academy Liaison - Patrick**

- . Schedule is set for 2016-17 and send out to Academy members.

### **Roswell/Highpointe/Therapy Dogs – Stephanie Wolf**

- . No report

### **Dog Parks – Timm**

- . Nothing new to report.

### **Awareness – Melissa A.**

- . The SPCA’s annual Paws in the Park is set for Saturday, September 24 from 9 – 2:30. The NFVS again will have a pet First Aid tent. Nancy will send out a schedule seeking volunteers.

**New Members – Amy**

- . No new members anyone is aware of.

**Online Discussions – New chair needed.**

- . List Serve discussion regarding requested veterinarians to help with Elderwood rabies clinic. Nancy reported she talked with Amy Lewis at Niagara County SPCA and well as Elderwood representatives and came up with a plan to give those who wanted a rabies vaccination to be given a coupon to have this done at the Niagara County SPCA. Becomes a win-win for Elderwood and SPCA.

**Facebook Fan Page – Stephanie West**

- . Stephanie continues to post relevant items, including an interview she did for WIVB regarding parvo cases being mistaken for animal poisonings.

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