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BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
PUBLIC MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2020

The February 5, 2020 meeting of the Board of Veterinary Medicine (the “Board”) convened at 10:05 am at the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, 121 South Fruit Street, Concord, NH 03301 with the following members present:

Members: President Sonnya Dennis, DVM, DABVP; Vice President Sue Watkins, DVM; Judith Leclerc, DVM (JL)  
Kirk Smith, DVM (KS)  
Winifred Krogman, DVM (WK)  
Public Member, Elaine Forst (EF)  
Administrative Secretary: Chris Senko (CS)  
Board Counsel: Jon Lavalley (JL)  
Absent: Steve Crawford, DVM (SC)  
Public present: Ed Carlson NHVTA

The Board of Veterinary Medicine Mission Statement 332-B:1-a Purpose. The purpose of the board of veterinary medicine is to promote public health, safety, and welfare by safeguarding the people of New Hampshire against incompetent, unscrupulous, and unauthorized persons and from unprofessional or illegal practices by persons licensed to practice veterinary medicine. The right to practice veterinary medicine is a privilege granted by legislative authority to persons possessing personal and professional qualifications specified in this chapter.

**Review Public Minutes of the January 15, 2020, Board Meeting:**

- a. June through December 2019 now posted on website:  
<https://www.oplc.nh.gov/veterinary-medicine/minutes.htm>
- b. Upon motion by SD and second by SW, the Board agreed to table review of minutes until a complete copy is available. Chris will obtain them prior to end of meeting.
- c. Once complete minutes were obtained, members reviewed and provided some edits.
- d. Upon motion made by SD and seconded by SW, the Board voted unanimously to approve the edited minutes. Will be posted to website.

## **Correspondence:**

- A. Ann Craig's request for an extension.
  - a. # 2725, issued 12/10/19, exp 12/31/2021. As appears to be renewed, it is recommended that the CE turned in is not re-counted for the next renewal period.
  - b. Upon motion made by SD and seconded by WK, the Board voted unanimously to approve the CE credits and to verify that the renewal is complete and not will not be double counted.
  
- B. Amanda Rizner, DVM
  - a. #1760, issued 4/26/2006, exp 12/31/2020
  - b. Disciplined in Maine. Settlement signed 11/7/19. Surgical dehiscence and failure to recognize when presented w/ concern.
  - c. Prior settlement in ME 2015 for similar issue.
  - d. Prior NH settlement 2016 for failure to renew license and practicing with an expired license. .
  - e. Upon motion made by JL and seconded by KS, the Board voted unanimously to keep this information on file.
  
- C. Sarah Henry (SH) - CE to fulfill settlement agreement
  - a. #2371, issued 5/11/2015, exp 12/31/2021
  - b. WK said that SH works for her and was careful to not double count CE; however, it does not appear that all CEs were given to the BVM.
  - c. Upon motion made by KS and seconded by JL; the Board voted unanimously to accept the submitted CE to complete settlement agreement, pending verification that has 24 CE hours in addition for renewal.
  
- D. Cold Laser Therapy
  - a. Members discussed the risks of different categories of lasers, the level of supervision required, availability and access of lasers for owners, the implications to the BOVM rules.
  - b. Upon motion made by SD and second by SW, the Board agreed to table further discussion and confer with legal counsel on definitions and applications and level of supervision.

## **New Business:**

- A. AAVSB Updates—Two new AAVSB model regulation drafts.
  - a. All this was reviewed in January. Filed as information.
  
- B. ICVA- No updates / no documents
  
- C. Discussion—middle name/maiden name licensing issue. (no document)
  - a. The rules require veterinarians to practice under legal name. This information could be added to the application instruction page.
  - b. Upon motion made by SD and seconded by JL, the Board voted unanimously to table further discussion and consult with JD regarding definition of legal name and what constitutes as documentation of the legal name.

D. IDEXX Alertys OnFarm Pregnancy Kit

- a. Upon motion made by JL and seconded by WK, the Board voted unanimously to distribute product within NH with the understanding that it is for personal farm use.

E. Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI). During the January meeting, it was agreed to table discussion on this topic until spring. Discussion remains tabled.

F. Public Comments

Ed Carlson asked if there would be any discussion about the new rules today. SD answered that the written deadline had been extended and details were on the website. No Rules discussion would occur today.

At 11:25p.m. upon motion by SD and second by SW, the Board by a roll call vote, resolved to enter into a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct, noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c); RSA 91-A:3, II (e); RSA 914:5, IV; Lodge V. Knowlton, 118 NH 574 (1978); and the board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by unanimous vote of all members present

At 2:29 p.m., upon the motion of [SD] and the second of [JL], the Board, by roll call vote, entered into public session.

Meeting adjourned at 2:38pm

Next meetings of the Board of Veterinary Medicine are scheduled for [9:30] on [March 11, 2020], as listed on <https://www.oplc.nh.gov/veterinary-medicine/minutes.htm>.