



College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

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COUNCIL MEETING

CVBC Boardroom
107 – 828 Harbourside Drive, North Vancouver
Saturday, April 22, 2017
10:00 am

Minutes of the Open Meeting

Council Members	Dr. Brendan Matthews, President	Mr. David Dewhirst, Vice-President	Dr. Maarten Hart, Council Member
	Dr. Nicky Joosting, Council Member	Dr. Sergije Prostran, Council Member	Dr. Joanne Weetman, Council Member
	Ms. Linda Wong, Council Member		
Regrets:	Mr. Wally Oppal, QC, Council Member	Mr. Jeremy Pierce, Treasurer	
CVBC Staff	Mr. Larry Odegard, Registrar	Dr. John Brocklebank, Deputy Registrar	Ms. Luisa Hlus, Director of Complaints, Registration & Legal Services
	Ms. Gae Sellstedt, Executive Assistant		

1. CALL TO ORDER OF THE OPEN COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 am.

2. ROUTINE PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

2.1 Approval of the Open Agenda

MOTION: THAT the Open Agenda be approved as distributed with the power to add.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

During the meeting, a PFAC update was included after the CVO agenda item.

2.2 Approval of the Open Minutes of the March 11, 2017 Meeting

MOTION: THAT the Minutes of the March 11, 2017 open meeting be approved as distributed.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

2.3 Task List

The task list was reviewed for accuracy.

- The September 15, 2016 task to contact the CRA to destroy old financial files has been completed and the CVBC has received CRA permission.

3. REPORTS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION – DECISION – DISCUSSION

3.1 Antimicrobial Resistance

The Deputy Registrar gave an overview of the synopsis he prepared on the Federal Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance and Use in Canada. Council members engaged in discussion and came to agreement that the work completed to date has been very helpful, however, it should be deferred until the Provincial Government engages in the process and the College's role is defined.

3.2 Animal Welfare Committee – Role & Membership

Council members discussed the role and membership of the CVBC AWC and the cross-over between its committee and the BC Chapter of the CVMA AWC. There was also discussion on the position that the SPCA has taken on cosmetic surgery and its expectation that BC Veterinarians report breeders that have had cosmetic surgery performed on their own animals. Council has concerns that members of the CVBC AWC are also employees of the SPCA and are proponents of this practice.

MOTION: THAT the College immediately approach the members of its AWC and any committee members sitting on another animal welfare committee or are working for an animal welfare organization shall be asked to resign or be removed from the AWC within 30 days.

The Chair of the AWC, Bettina Bobsien, also asked Council to consider the issue of banning declawing of cats. This issue will be brought forward to a future meeting.

3.3 Investigation Committee File 15-096

The matter involved a phone call made to (Emergency Clinic) in order to seek assistance for a stray cat that had been hit by a car. The complainant (a good Samaritan) alleges that treatment of the cat was refused. (Veterinarian) found no record of the call. He stated that at the time of the call, he believes he was dealing with another emergency (a dog under anesthetic) and did not have the capacity or resources to take on a second emergency.

The IC dismissed the case and recommended that a letter of advice recommending tracking of incoming phone calls, how they were handled and whether referrals were made to attend at other appropriate facilities.

Council expressed concern about the optics of the issue and agreed that a 'best practices' news piece be written for distribution to practice facilities staff.

3.4 CVBC Classifieds

The CVBC is considering a motion to cease all advertisements on its website. Council member, Dr. Nicky Joosting, presented an extensive report on the subject and compared the CVBC position on the matter to other regulatory and non-regulatory veterinary bodies in Canada. Dr. Joosting has also been in contact with the BC Chapter of the CVMA to inquire its position on classified ads and whether it would be prepared to take over this function.

The matter is tabled to the next meeting pending response from the Board of the BC Chapter of the CVMA.

3.5 CVO Scope of Practice

The issue was tabled to a future meeting.

Addition to Agenda: PFAC Report

Dr. Joanne Weetman reported that the last teleconference meeting of the Practice Facility Accreditation Committee had full attendance and was a very constructive meeting. The PFAC will prepare a presentation for the June Council meeting regarding their position on practice facility self-assessments. Luisa Hlus will prepare an outline of what the legal profession does for its annual practice declarations.

The Deputy Registrar will present an overview of the CVO (College of Veterinarians of Ontario) drug disposal guidelines for the next PFAC meeting.

4. REPORTS RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

4.1 President's Report

There was no report.

4.2 Operational Report

The following item was added to the Operational Report:

- The Deputy Registrar assembled documents for the meeting with the OIE reviewer. The only questions asked were with respect to licensing the CFIA and how the CVBC deals with discipline matters.

4.2.1 BC SPCA Award

The CVBC is the recipient of an award from the BC SPCA for its support in the banning of ear cropping and tail docking.

4.3 Facilities Report

The Registrar reported:

- There will be discussions with the CVBC Contract Accountant, Jackie Chay, and the Treasurer regarding cash flow analysis and the investment of surplus cash;
- The insurance on the property has been renewed and a deductible insurance was added – example: if there was a flood the CVBC would not have to pay the deductible;
- A strata meeting is scheduled for April 27;
- The CVBC building has been appraised at \$2 million; the original purchase price in 2002 was \$569,000;
- There is a need to add signatories to the CVBC bank account.

MOTION: THAT the CVBC Council approve the addition of Dr. John Brocklebank, Deputy Registrar and Ms. Allison Maharaj, Staff Lawyer, as signatories to the CVBC bank account.

4.4 Report on Name Approvals

The report was received for information.

The Deputy Registrar reviewed the problem encountered with the approval of the name change “Austin Heights Animal Hospital”. It was resolved when the owner of that approved name, Dr. Ranjan, graciously agreed to give up the name to appease Dr. Paunovi’s concern that the name “Austin Heights Animal Hospital” was too close to his previous (closed) clinic’s name “Austin Animal Hospital”.

Luisa Hlus requested that a column be added to the report to show the previous and current names of the practices.

4.5 Report on New Registrants

The report was received for information.


4.6 Report on Change of Registration Class

The report was received for information.

The open meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.



Dr. Brendan Matthews, President



Dr. Joanne Weetman, Vice-President