



Rabies Control Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: February 12, 2013

Board Member Attendees: Scott Marshall, DVM (DEM, Chairman), C.H. Hannafin, DVM, (RIVMA Designee), Charles Brown, (DEM Designee), David Holden (Animal Shelter Representative), Kevin Breene, (Livestock Farmer)

Board Member Absent: Utpala Bandy, MD (DOH Designee)

Non-Board Attendees: Pattie Watson, (Barrington ACO), William & Susan Hatfield.

Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM by Dr. Marshall followed by roll call of all in attendance.

Motion to take care of New Business first: Kevin Breen, 2nd by Dave Holden, motion voted in favor

Acceptance of meeting minutes of the RCB for October 12, 2012 meeting Dr. Christopher Hannafin motioned to accept the minutes. Motion seconded by Dave Holden. Minutes accepted without change.

NEW BUSINESS:

Variance Petition for Susan and William Hatfield

The Hatfield's dog **Liza** is a 12 yr old English Cocker Spaniel. They are seeking a variance from rabies vaccination based on their dog being diagnosed with a condition that may be exacerbated by vaccination. The dog's attending veterinarian provided a letter stating that in his professional opinion, administration of rabies vaccination would likely exacerbate a medical condition that the dog has and that exacerbation of that condition could jeopardize the life of the dog. The Board discussed with Mr Hatfield various considerations related to keeping a dog in an unvaccinated state. The Board also reviewed the animal's records and determined that Liza was actually currently vaccinated at this time and that the current vaccination would not expire until April of 2014. The Board determined that this variance was premature due to this fact.

The stipulations for a variance were read to Mr Hatfield. He was then asked if he understood and agreed to them. He answered in the affirmative.

Motion to approve variance that will be post dated to the date that the current vaccination expires: Dr. Hannafin motion to accept - Second by Dave Holden variance will be issued effective date of rabies certificate expiration.

Review of RCB Manual:

Dave Holden suggested where ever stated in the rabies manual clarification of "close observation" be described more clearly and Dr. Hannafin suggested that the revised manual be sent to all ACO's. Dr. Marshall noted he would make it clearer in the manual and after the

changes are complete a copy of the manual would be sent to all the animal control officers. Dr Marshall to make changes to the Manual that will include a definition of “close observation.”

Motion to approve: Motion to approve defining “close observation” by Dave Holden and 2nd By Dr. Hannafin, motion passed

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on submission of applications for nominees:

Dr. Marshall noted that nominees Kevin Breene, Dave Holden and Scott Scofield applications are in process but during the discussion concerns were brought up about Dave Holden’s residence being out of state and if this caused a problem Dr. Marshall is prepared to write a letter on Dave Holden’s behalf.

NEXT MEETING is set for Tuesday, August 20th, 2013 @ 10:30 AM – Conference Room 370A

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Dr. Hannafin and seconded by Kevin Breene. All voted in favor.