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**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION  
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

**Minutes of Meeting  
Wednesday, November 28, 2012**

**OPEN SESSION**

**The OPEN Session meeting of the Board of Veterinary Medicine was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on the above date in Room 401 of the Cannon Building, RI Department of Health. PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended.**

**Members Present    Staff Present  
Peter Cournoyer, DVM    Thomas Corrigan**

**Catherine Lund, DVM   Linda Esposito  
Mark Povar, DVM   Catherine Cordy  
Stacey Rodehorst, DVM   Linda Phillips  
Members Absent  
2 vacancies**

## **Call to Order**

**The meeting of the Veterinary Medicine Board was called to order at 1:00 p.m.**

## **1.0 MINUTES**

**There were no minutes for review from any past meetings of the CLOSED Session at this time.**

## **2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

**This board welcomed two new members to its board and two returning members. With the board not having met recently due to expired terms and lack of quorum, a**

**brief overview was given to all board members as to proper policies and procedures before proceeding with any business before them.**

### **Communications:**

#### **American Embro Transfer Association**

**Correspondence was received by the American Embro Transfer Association which states their position on embryo transfer. This would pertain to kennel and equine animals. This information will be held and used as needed for the future.**

### **Continuing Education Inquiries:**

#### **Wanda Wyand – Request for Extension**

**The board is in receipt of a letter dated March 30, 2012 from Ms. Wyand requesting a 2 month extension to complete online courses to meet CE requirements. The board approved this request by unanimous consent considering that**

**much time**

**has now passed and will send a letter stating that documentation needs to be submitted for proof of completion.**

### **Issued Veterinary Licenses:**

**A list of new veterinary licenses was distributed to the Board for review. On a motion made by Mark Povar and seconded by Peter Cournoyer, the list of licenses was approved by unanimous consent.**

**3.0 OLD BUSINESS: None**

### **4.0 NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Hydro Therapy Tub**

**The board received a request from a kennel in Rhode Island asking about the use of a hydro therapy tub if they purchased a unit for their facility for the elderly**

**animals they care for who can not run/play easily any longer. Considering that a diagnosis would be needed prior to using this therapeutic device and the situation in which it would be used, the board considers this an unauthorized/unsafe practice and this type of treatment should fall to a licensed veterinarian.**

### **Micro Chips for Cats and Dogs**

**The state veterinarian sent an email to the board from a store manager interested in providing a service for micro chipping cats and dogs and would like a determination if this is covered under regulation. The board discussed this topic and determined that it falls under the same category as the issue of the therapeutic tub. This process is invasive and if you don't know the anatomy, it can be done incorrectly and possibly cause death. This procedure should be done in direct supervision of a veterinarian.**

## **2013 Board Meeting Dates**

**The list of meeting dates for the veterinary board for 2013 was distributed to all members and will be posted on the Secretary of States website for those interested in attending the OPEN session meetings.**

### **5.0 ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 46-45-5 of the RI General Laws for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licenses; and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held in an OPEN meeting.**

**Stacey Rodehorst made a motion to close the OPEN meeting and adjourn to CLOSED session**

**in accordance with Sections 42-46-5(a) (1) and (4). Mark Povar seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.**

**The OPEN meeting session adjourned at 1:30 a.m.**

## **6.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**Stacey Rodehorst made a motion to reopen the OPEN session at 3:00 p.m. Peter Cournoyer seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.**

## **7.0 FINAL ACTIONS**

**(DVM-00325) Lorie Huston Completion of remedial course in  
Anesthesia  
Protocols and Recordkeeping Techniques**

## **8.0 ADJOURN**

**Being no other business before the Board, Mark Povar made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:00p.m. Peter Cournoyer seconded the motion. The motion carried on unanimous consent.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Phillips, Board Administrator  
Rhode Island Department of Health**