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

**Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday, January 23, 2013**

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 Catherine Cordy
Mark Povar, DVM Linda Phillips
Stacey Rodehorst, DVM Pamela Schultz
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

The minutes of the OPEN Session Meeting held on November 28, 2012 were reviewed.

Stacey Rodehorst moved that the minutes be approved. Peter Cournoyer seconded the motion.

The motion carried on unanimous consent.

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Communications:

Veterinary Chiropractic Practice

Correspondence was received by an associate professor who teaches at Logan College of

Chiropractic/University Programs and teaches a course entitled “Philosophy of Today’s

Chiropractic Practice” requesting clarification as to whether or not a licensed Doctor of Veterinary Medicine is needed to be present in Rhode Island when an animal is being treated for chiropractic issues. After discussion, the board determined that this procedure should be done in direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

Continuing Education Inquiries: None

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

EMS Personnel Assisting with Animals

The President of the Board of Directors for the Rhode Island Veterinary Medical Association, Honorata Lenk, requested the Boards assistance in generating basic protocols for the help of animals at an accident site, specifically EMTs who might be on scene from a fire department and want to offer assistance. There was much discussion concerning the legal responsibility, special training, as well as creating a universal set of protocols.

It was determined that it is reasonable to acknowledge the willingness of these different groups to work together (EMTs, fire departments, police) who have been trained to assist in these situations with BART training (Basic Animal Rescue Training). BART is “a nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower first responders with the training, knowledge and equipment necessary to safely and effectively handle domestic animals encountered during emergency situations, in order to help preserve human health, safety and well being.” BART will also supervise and train personnel. With so many professions involved and with those professions having their own protocols (which can be lengthy), it was determined that Ms. Lenk will work with these groups to put together a draft protocol for the Boards review and approval.

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). Catherine Lund seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

The OPEN meeting session adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

6.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

7.0 FINAL ACTIONS: None

8.0 ADJOURN

Being no other business before the Board, Mark Povar made a motion to adjourn

the meeting at 2:15 p.m. Stacey Rodehorst seconded the motion.

The motion

carried on unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Phillips, Board Administrator

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