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VWB/VSF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: MINUTES

Tuesday July 6, 2010, 5:00-7:00pm MDT

Stephen A/B Room, Hyatt Hotel

700 Centre Street, SE Calgary, Alberta Canada T2G 5P6

BOD Attendance: David Waltner-Toews, Enid Stiles, Jim Fairles, Ron Mergl, Elroy Mann, David Hall, Scarlett Magda, Josiane Houle, Roger Thomson, Trace MacKay, Claire Card

Staff Attendance: Erin Fraser, Sheila Taylor, Jaelithe Piccolo

Public Attendance: Elena Garde, Heather Fenton, Steve Ford, Hannah Grant, Susan Kutz, Julie du Moissac, Alden Hadwen, Janis Waldie, Anne Drew, Jessica Wu

Agenda Item	Presenter
Introduction and opening	David Waltner-Toews/Julie du Moissac
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie du Moissac-President of CVMA said a few words of welcome She believes that a partnership between CVMA and VWB/VSF is a natural fit, an example of that is the Haiti initiative Here to wish VWB/VSF all the best, would like feedback on how CVMA can assist Very interested in working with us 	
Additions to agenda/approval of agenda	Enid Stiles
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erin Fraser added the addition of approval of reimbursement rates Motioned by Josiane Seconded by Trace None opposed Motion carried 	
Approval of minutes from AGM 2009 and business arising	Enid Stiles
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to accept approval of both by Roger Seconded by Josiane None opposed Motion carried 	
President's report	David Waltner-Toews
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the year's highs and lows Death of our office manager, Jo-Ann Smith, move of office from Guelph to Victoria, hiring new staff members, redesign of student program CFIA's continued support, thanks to Brian Evans; 	



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contribution agreement ended in March 2010 and new agreement in progress for three additional years on a declining rate

- Motion to accept report by Enid
- Seconded by Hannah
- None opposed
- Motion carried

Financial report and approval of same

Jim Fairles

- Jim made a tribute to Jo-Ann Smith, she is remembered with affection and respect
- Thanks to Maria, Elroy, and Erin for helping with the transition
- Finance committee developed an Accounting Procedures Manual
- Erin and Jaelithe implemented new automated systems for payroll and payables
- Thank you to the cheque signors, soon Erin and Jaelithe will have signing authority
- Thank you to Roger Thomson and the financial committee
- Looking to add one more committee member to the finance committee

REVIEW OF STATEMENTS

- Elena asked a question in regard to the decline in membership fees
- Erin answered that membership committee exploring renewal issues
- BOD is assessing better mechanisms to improve membership
- Trace mentioned that the committee did do an active renewal campaign and received poor feedback
- It comes down to time spent on membership
- Perhaps a three or five year membership or monthly contribution
- Lifetime membership or different levels eg. gold, silver, bronze
- Elena suggested using Google Groups to create more of a community among members.
- No other questions arose from the review of statements
- Motion to accept the statements by Elroy



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- Seconded by David
- None opposed
- Motion carried

Appointment of auditor for 10-11 fiscal year

Jim Fairles

- Paul Hak of Ward and Uptigrove suggested to be Auditor again for this fiscal year
- Motion by Enid
- Seconded by Josiane
- None opposed
- Motion carried

Ratification of all proceedings since last AGM

Erin Fraser

- Motion to accept all proceedings by David Hall
- Seconded by Elena
- None opposed
- Motion carried

Acceptance of directors' resignations

David Waltner-Toews

- Two Directors resigning: Simone Webster-Stahel and Kristin Joudrey
- Motion to accept resignations by Scarlett
- Seconded by Josiane
- None opposed
- Motion carried

Election of President for 2010-11

Enid Stiles

- David Waltner-Toews is standing as nominated, open to the floor for any other nominations. There are none. Nominations closed.
- Motion to accept David Waltner-Toews as President by David Hall
- Seconded by Trace
- None opposed
- Motion passed

Strategic plan

David Waltner-Toews

- The Strategic Plan was included in the AGM handouts. Alden mentioned the untapped potential in contributors communicating about VWB/VSF to their employees.

Program report

Erin Fraser



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- Erin discussed current topics of this the year and changes within VWB/VSF structure
- Moved office after loss of Jo-Ann
- New office space is great
- Communications Manager, Jessica Kennedy, left for maternity leave in June. Sheila Taylor hired to replace her for the term
- Rabies campaign materials were mailed to clinics in July
- Travel and funding support to 50 volunteers in 2009/10
- Laos project is gaining momentum; two volunteers currently in the field
- One Health, One World-Case Studies prepared for the Public Health Agency of Canada

David Hall spoke on BECA project

- Driven by researchers in Asia
- Practical workshop in Kunming to train local counterpoints
- Six focal points: China, Cambodia, Thailand, India, Vietnam, Laos
- Each country has a leader to build capacity
- Hope to build network in Asia
- Key to develop is how network will communicate
- Ecohealth toolbox to be available, developed by participants

Claire Card spoke on Uganda goat project

- Started in 2007
- Unique in Gender focus; widows looking after grandchildren
- Environment degradation
- Lack of Nutrition
- Issues with widows maintaining land rights
- Goat Project lend two kids pass back three to the project

Chile project report

Elena Garde

- Elena made a fantastic presentation that was video - taped. Lots of information was included on the various projects that she and Guillermo Perez are leading and the project and funding partners that are being developed



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Closing

Enid Stiles

- Motion to close meeting by Roger
 - Seconded by Trace
 - None opposed
 - Motion carried
 - Meeting closed
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