



College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

COUNCIL MEETING

CVBC Boardroom
107 – 828 Harbourside Drive, North Vancouver
Saturday, June 17, 2017
2:00 pm

Minutes of the Open Meeting

Council Members	Dr. Brendan Matthews, President	Dr. Joanne Weetman, Vice-President	Mr. Jeremy Pierce, Treasurer
	Mr. David Dewhirst, Council Member	Dr. Maarten Hart, Council Member	Dr. Nicky Joosting, Council Member
	Dr. Sergije Prostran, Council Member	Ms. Linda Wong, Council Member	
Regrets	Mr. Wally Oppal, QC, Council Member		
CVBC Staff	Ms. Luisa Hlus, Registrar	Dr. John Brocklebank, Deputy Registrar	Ms. Allison Maharaj, Staff Lawyer

1. CALL TO ORDER OF THE OPEN COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 2:12 pm.

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

2.2 Approval of the Open Minutes of the April 22, 2017 Council Meeting

MOTION: THAT the Minutes of the April 22, 2017 open meeting be approved as distributed.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

3. REPORTS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION – DECISION – DISCUSSION

3.1 CVBC Classifieds

In response to a question, Council learned that the CVBC advertisements were paid (not free). Current ads were grandfathered but no new ads had been accepted.

MOTION: THAT SVBC take over classifieds.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

3.2 Proposed Standard of Practice – Medical Record Keeping

Council was presented with a request to consider passing medical records standards, based on perennial problems identified by the Investigation Committee over the years, in identifying substandard record keeping but being met with the defence that the CVBC “has no published standard”. While Schedule D of the Bylaws contains requirements for facilities, these are not legally enforceable against registrants who are not designated registrants.

Council reviewed the proposed “Professional Practice Standard – Medical Records” and “Companion Animal Medical Records Minimum Standards” prepared collaboratively by Drs. Nicky Joosting, Cathy Wilkie and John Brocklebank, using the CVO standard as a starting point. On the understanding that applicable Bylaw provisions take precedence over the standards, Council directed that the standards be publicized to the profession and similar standards be developed for large, equine and food animals.

Direction: to develop medical records minimum standards for large, equine and food animals and to publicize the “Professional Practice Standard – Medical Records” and “Companion Animal Medical Records Minimum Standards”.

MOTION: THAT CVBC adopt the Medical Records and Companion Animal Minimum Standard, as presented.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

3.3 Proposed Standard of Practice – Anesthetic Monitoring

After considerable discussion, including concerns raised that:

- Practices in remote locations or with insufficient staff or any small practice facing an emergency may not be able to comply;
- Terms such as “checking” and “responsible person” require clarification;

- Pulse oximeters are prescribed as mandatory, yet Doppler tachometers are more important;
- For quick procedures on young animals (such as cat spays), the cost and time required to comply seems prohibitive or oppressive; and
- The last sentence on page 60 may need to be modified or deleted,

it was directed that the matter be tabled to a future meeting, following discussion with Dr. Brock.

3.4 Alternative Medicine

The Deputy Registrar brought forward on behalf of the PFAC the issue that inspectors are supposed to ensure Schedule D, Section 14 – Complementary and Integrative Medicine meets with designated registrant compliance, including having clients sign an Alternative Therapy Consent Form. The Deputy Registrar invited Council to direct standards be drafted relating to the use of Alternative Medicine by registrants. The following points were made in relation to the request:

- If the CVBC drafts standards, then we appear to regulate that area, yet we cannot objectively evaluate whether or not an error or substandard care occurred
- Physical rehabilitation is a specialty in the US, certified by the American College of Veterinary Canine Physical Rehabilitation, so part of veterinary medicine; however, the term “physical therapist” is a protected title
- The CPSBC standard may simply be summarized as “don’t do harm with CAM and use (or exhaust) conventional medicine first”

Direction: advise by newsletter item that the consent form is a part of the Bylaws, remind registrant to practice evidence-based medicine and add the consent form to the website under “forms”

3.5 PFAC

Council accepted the PFAC’s recommendation that instead of the designated registrant of each facility submitting the full Self-Assessment Form (SAF), the CVBC revert to requiring only a short form declarative statement, adding insurance, anesthetic and radiology, with the rest of the form acting only as reference material. The form should be 1 or 2 pages and nomenclature needs to be tightened, adding rename and number of veterinarians, then returning the matter to the July PFAC meeting. A bylaw change will be required.

4. REPORTS RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

4.1 President’s Report

The Executive Committee is putting together a document to begin the process of evaluating the new CEO.

The CVBC should consider encouraging more food animal veterinarians involvement on committees.

4.2 Operational Report

4.3 Facilities Report

The CVBC office is moving at the end of July. Most staff are looking forward to new premise.

4.4 Report on Name Approvals

The report was received for information.

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.

4.7 AWC Resignations

Discussion clarified that the role of the AWC at CVBC is purely regulatory. If the SVBC's AWC identifies an animal welfare issue which requires regulatory intervention, then it may draw the issue to the attention of CVBC Council, which will then consider engaging the CVBC's AWC. In his dual role on Council and as Chair of the AWC, Dr. Maarten Hart is positioned to carry through with the AWC's modified mandate.

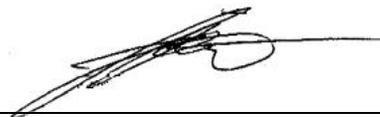
MOTION: TO accept resignations from AWC and confirm that the remaining members of the AWC are Drs. Maarten Hart, Cecily Grant and Shawn Llewellyn.

MOVED/SECONDED CARRIED

The open meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.



Dr. Brendan Matthews, President



Dr. Joanne Weetman, Vice-President