

Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners

Friday, May 22nd, 2020

Conference Call

Phone Meeting, 7:30 AM

This meeting of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners was called to order at 7:34 A.M. by Board President, Dr. Sheila Dodson. Board Members in attendance in addition to Dr. Dodson were Drs. Flowers, Kobuszewski, Ritter, Snyder, and Mr. Allen. General Counsel Charles Macheers and Litigation Counsel Jane Weiler were also present. Public members in attendance were Megan Kilgore from KVMA and Mary Berg from KVTA. Other staff members present were Dr. Jody Johnson, Konrad Coe, Matthew Provencher, and Anna Foster. Not present for the first part of the meeting was Board Member Dr. Phil Bentz.

Using the conference call-in line and Zoom online platform Dr. Dodson welcomed those in attendance, and offered the two public members, Megan Kilgore with KVMA and Mary Berg with KVTA, in attendance a chance to speak and indicated they each had 5 minutes of open comment. Both expressed appreciation for being invited to the meeting and said they were only there to listen.

Dr. Kobuszewski moved to adopt the proposed agenda; Dr. Snyder seconded the motion. The motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Johnson introduced the K.A.R. 70-5-1 (Fees) changes presented at the March 16th, 2020 Public Hearing. Public Members present at that meeting were Dr. Andy Hawkins (KVMA), Ms. Mary Berg (KVTA), and Ms. Megan Kilgore (KVMA). Ms. Berg and Ms. Kilgore both gave written testimonies concerning the increase in the veterinary license renewal fee, increasing from \$95 to \$100; the increase in the veterinary technician registration renewal fee, increasing from \$10 to \$25, the increase in the veterinary technician application fee, increasing from \$20 to \$50; and implementing a \$75 mobile clinic records audit fee.

KVBE had received E-mail letters from Dr. Mary DeBey, who is against the mobile clinic records audit fee, against increasing the technician application fee, and the technician renewal fee; Dr. Cyndie Courtney, against technician fee increases; Dr. Edward Epp, against the fee for pickup vet boxes; Dr. Fred Gardiner, who supports of the mobile veterinary clinic records audit fee; Dr. Bret Jones, who is in favor of the mobile clinic records audit fee; Dr. Carl Meyer, Jr. from the American Association of Bovine Practitioners, who is in opposition to the changes; and Dr. Randall Norton, who supports the mobile records audit fee.

KVTA requests there be a less dramatic increase in the technician application and renewal fee. KVMA supports the increase of veterinary license renewal fees and supports the inspection of veterinary

practices, both brick-and-mortar, and mobile-only practices. KVMA is concerned with the drastic increases for the technician application and renewal fees. KVMA expressed concern over the vagueness as to who or what type of mobile unit will be assessed this fee.

Dr. Paul Ritter moved to adopt K.A.R. 70-5-1 (Fees), Dr. Mike Kobuszewski seconded the motion. A certified voice vote was taken, those in favor of approving the motion were: Drs. Shelia Dodson, Larry Snyder, Leann Flowers, Paul Ritter and Mike Kobuzewski, and Mr. Joe Allen. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes. Dr. Bentz was not present during the voting. The motion carried.

Dr. Larry Snyder led a discussion concerning telemedicine and veterinary services in Kansas. In Kansas, at this time, telemedicine is not approved to be used in veterinary medicine, since there are no statutes or regulations in the Kansas Veterinary Practice Act covering telemedicine. Dr. Snyder proposed that Legal Counsel assists in developing a new language or revising language in our Practice Act, or the Board could add definitions of telemedicine, telehealth, and teletriage.

At 8:01, Dr. Ritter left the meeting. Dr. Bentz joined the meeting.

Dr. Johnson presented the Department of Administration's Memorandum of Agreement for the loan of \$75,000. Mr. Macheers has reviewed it. There is a clause for repayment of the loan over the next three years. Dr. Snyder moved we accept the loan; Dr. Flowers seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes. The motion passed.

Mr. Provencher gave his report on the number and status of complaint cases. (See attachment 1).

Mr. Coe presented his report on completed virtual inspections. There have been no in-person clinic inspections executed due to COVID-19. The majority of veterinary clinics do not allow the public into their facilities, and a few clinics have severely restricted hours of operation. (See attachment 2).

Ms. Foster reported on the renewal progress for online and paper for veterinarians, technicians, and premises.

There was a request for Dr. Dodson to contact the Governor's Appointment Secretary to update the status of re-appointments and appointments to the KBVE.

Dr. Bentz moved to adjourn the meeting; Dr. Flowers seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 A.M.

Signed Sheila M. Dodson, DVM Date 11/4/20