

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, September 19, 1997**

President David E. Brooks called the meeting to order at 8:20 A.M. Others in attendance were Board members Drs. George Edwards, Joseph Gordon, Herbert Justus, Kenneth Padgett, Amy Lewis and Mrs. Nellie Jones. The Board Attorney, Mr. George Hearn, and Executive Director, Mr. Thomas Mickey were also present.

The Executive Director read the minutes of the August 1, 1997, meeting. On a motion made by Dr. Gordon, seconded by Dr. Edwards, the minutes were approved as corrected.

Following the last meeting the Committee on Investigations Number 7 determined that the file of Dr. Curt Locklear concerning complaint number 97024-1-7 was incomplete. As such the Committee determined that additional information needs to be received and considered. The preliminary decision of the Committee to issue a letter of reprimand was continued.

The Board directed the Executive Director to determine if Mr. Russell Sanderson is no longer a certified rabies vaccinator and if he has been informed of such. If he is no longer certified the Executive Director is to investigate if evidence exists that he has been practicing veterinary medicine without a license.

The Committee on Investigations Number 1 made a preliminary report concerning the practice facility inspection of Avian Veterinary

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Services which is owned by Dr. Richard Gregory Burkett. The Committee recommended that a Board initiated complaint be filed against Dr. Burkett.

Ms. Karen Keltz and Ms. Margot Bowers appeared before the Board at 9:00 a.m. to discuss Ms. Keltz's complaint against Dr. Richard Gregory Burkett. The Board explained the Administrative Rules concerning complaints with them. No details of the complaint were discussed. Ms. Keltz and Ms. Bowers left the meeting at 9:05 a.m. No further action was taken.

Dr. Fred Faragalla appeared before the Board at 9:10 a.m. His purpose was to discuss the floating of teeth by equine dentists who are not veterinarians and licensed in the State. He gave several examples but could not provide definitive proof. The Board explained the difficulties with getting enough evidence to prosecute these individuals. Dr. Faragalla provided several possible ways in which the Board could act. Dr. Faragalla left the meeting as 9:40 a.m. No further action was taken.

Dr. Gordon discussed the providing of veterinary services by allied health professionals with licensed veterinarians in the State. He made a motion to have Mr. Hearn and the Executive Director research this and formulate draft language. The motion was seconded by Dr. Edwards. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hearn reported on the status of the insurance quotations with the Board.

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Dr. Brooks reported that he has been appointed by the Governor to serve for a second five year term.

The Executive Director distributed a financial report to the Board Members.

The Executive Director requested that the Board allow the office to purchase a fire-proof file cabinet. He also recommended that an additional computer be purchased for the office next spring. Dr. Gordon made a motion to approve both requests. The motion was seconded by Dr. Edwards. The motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Director reported on the costs associated with providing computer printouts or diskettes to individuals who request them. The Executive Director recommend a charge of six cents per name with a minimum charge of \$40.00. Dr. Gordon made a motion to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Edwards. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. for a ten minute break.

The meeting resumed at 10:20 a.m.

Investigative Committee Reports

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Report of Committee on Investigations No. 1

- 97016-1-1 Dr. Chadwick Aderhold (Complaint of Ms. Lisa N. Baucom) - Dismissed, no probable cause.
- 97027-1-1 Dr. Denise R. Glander (Complaint of Mr. S. A. Sedlacak) - Disciplinary Action. Letter of Caution.
- 97036-1-1 Dr. Dana R. Jones (Complaint of Ms. Patty C. Walsh) - Dismissed, no probable cause.
- 97018-1-1 Dr. Claudia Berryhill (Complaint of Ms. Alexis R. Thonen) - Dismissed, no probable cause.
- 97021-1-1 Dr. Kim Francine Krivit and Dr. James McCain Hamilton (Complaint of Ms. Karen E. Taylor) - The portion of the complaint against Dr. Krivit is withdrawn as the client is satisfied with the response and the committee could not find probable cause. Dr. Hamilton is to be issued a Letter of Reprimand.
- 97025-1-1 Dr. Richard Gregory Burkett (Complaint of Ms. Karen D. Keltz) - Continue.
- 97029-1-1 Dr. R. G. Jaconis (Complaint of Ms. Judith P. Willard) - Disciplinary Action. Letter of Caution.

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Report on Committee on Investigations No. 7

97024-1-7 Dr. Curt Locklear (Complaint by the Board) - Continued.

97007-1-7 Dr. John Anthony Stih (Complaint of Ms. Carol Reynolds) - Previous decision of the Committee to issue a Letter of Caution stands.

97020-1-7 Dr. Earl T. Sheppard (Board Complaint) - As reported at the last meeting. Dr. Sheppard is to be issued a Letter of Reprimand. Dr. Edwards did not participate in the Committee's decision.

97009-1-7 Dr. Steven Duane Blanton and Dr. Stephanie Verlyn Baker (Complaint of Ms. Margaret G. Brown) - Dismissed, no probable cause.

97030-1-7 Dr. Jeff D. Wilkins (Complaint of Ms. Carolyn Toban) - Dismissed, no probable cause.

97026-2-7 Dr. Cynthia Perkins Godshalk (Complaint by the Board) - Dismissed, no disciplinary action, letter from the Board clarifying the differences between a relief and a consulting veterinarian.

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97028-3-7 Dr. Salli Sides Stewart (Complaint of Dr. Lynn A. Reed)
- Continued.

97035-1-7 Dr. Mark Camacho (Complaint of Dr. Karen Jordan) -
Continued.

Report on Committee on Investigations No. 8

97032-2-8 Dr. Kim Francine Krivit - North Star Equine (Complaint
by the Board) - Withdrawn.

97033-2-8 Dr. David Altman - The Animal Hospital of Onslow
County (Complaint by the Board) - Withdrawn.

The Executive Director presented the contract with the Professional Examination Service for the National Board Examination for veterinarian technicians. Dr. Padgett made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gordon to approve the contracts. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the suspension notice of Dr. Richard Mansmann from the State of California, Santa Barbara County Family Support Division. The Board reviewed G.S. 90-187.8(c)(13) to determine if Dr. Mansmann could be disciplined in this state. As there are no current laws in North Carolina giving occupational licensing boards the power to revoke licenses when a licensee fails to provide spousal support, no action was taken.

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The Board reviewed the information on the Haven Animal Shelter. This issue was tabled until further information is received.

The Board reviewed the newspaper article from the August 3, 1997, addition of the Fayetteville Observer-Times. This article contains pictures and a story on Mr. Doug Van Cleave floating horses teeth. Dr. Gordon made a motion to direct Mr. Hearn to write Mr. Van Cleave a letter informing him to cease and desist the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine. As part of his motion Dr. Gordon also requested that Mr. Hearn prepare a letter for Dr. Brooks to send to the Fayetteville Observer Times. The letter will inform the newspaper that Mr. Van Cleave is not licensed to practice veterinary medicine in North Carolina. The motion was seconded by Dr. Padgett. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the September 1997 publication "Horse Tales". In the publication is an advertisement for equine dentistry. The individual offering these services is a Mr. Steven K. Snyder. Dr. Gordon made a motion to direct Mr. Hearn to write Mr. Snyder a letter informing him to cease and desist the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine. The motion was seconded by Dr. Padgett. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board tabled the request of Ms. Linda Jane Evans concerning the practice of veterinary medicine until such time Ms. Evans provides the Board with additional information.

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The next meeting of the Board will be held in its Raleigh office on November 13 & 14, 1997.

Dr. Gordon made a motion, concerning complaints, to send the rebuttal of the client back to the Doctor so the doctor may respond. The motion was seconded by Dr. Padgett. After discussion the Executive Director is to implement a procedure to handle this concern.

On a motion by Dr. Padgett, seconded by Dr. Gordon, the Board approved the actual expenses for this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Dr. Edwards and seconded by Dr. Padgett at 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Mickey
Executive Director