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50 **Agenda Item 2** **Review/Approve Minutes**

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52 The board reviewed the minutes of the Sept. 28, 2012 meeting.
53 Dr. Beck suggested removing Dr. on titles with DVM because it is redundant.

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55 **On a motion duly made by Priddy, seconded by Rose, and approved**
56 **unanimously, it was**

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58 **RESOLVED to approve the Sept. 28, 2012 meeting minutes as**
59 **presented.**

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61 **Agenda Item 3** **Ethics Disclosure**

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63 There were no ethics violations to report from any board members. Dr. Beck advised this
64 is the time to report any violations. Dr. Priddy stated that timely disclosure is important.

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66 **Agenda Item 4** **Budget Report**

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68 Ms. Zinn stated the budget report in front of the Board is through the end of the first
69 quarter. It does not reflect renewals. Ms. Zinn explained direct versus indirect expenses.
70 Direct expenses include items such as payroll for the examiner and supervisor. Indirect
71 expenses include items such as IT, administrative costs and support services. Indirect
72 expenses are paid on a percentage of the Board's revenue. Dr. Priddy asked what the
73 Board can do to reduce expenses. Ms. Zinn advised there is really not much the
74 Veterinary Board can do, but that the State is cutting back on travel expenses. Each
75 board is now allocated \$4,000.00 for out of state travel. Board meetings are now being
76 held in Anchorage versus communities such as Dillingham, Bethel, etc. to reduce
77 expenses. Ms. Zinn explained the third party reimbursement for travel does not go
78 directly back to the Board. The refunds go back to the general fund because the State
79 does not have a way to account for these types of refunds.

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81 Board introductions to new member DeeDee Jonrowe. Board members introduced
82 themselves to new member DeeDee Jonrowe. Board members briefly explained the mail
83 ballot process.

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85 Dr. Priddy lost contact at 9:22. Land line reestablished 9:23.

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87 Dr. Priddy asked about cutting budget expenses. Ms. Zinn discussed new software which
88 will take extra money up front, but in the long run will cut costs. Ms. Zinn suggested the
89 Board can direct questions to Operation Manager Sarah Chambers.

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97 **Agenda Item 5** **Miscellaneous Correspondence**
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99 **Modification of courtesy permit.** Dr. Beck stated the courtesy license requires a
100 veterinary sponsor which may be a stumbling block for rural areas which have limited
101 access to veterinary care. In the past, there was a veterinarian that was doing rural work
102 and there were some complaints that were filed. This veterinary never responded to
103 investigators' questions and eventually surrendered his license without addressing the
104 investigators. The rural community felt the Board "pushed out" the veterinarian. Dr.
105 Beck stated the Board is not privy to investigations and does not have knowledge of the
106 details of the investigation. Modifications to the courtesy license regulation to provide
107 for the needs of rural areas are out for public comment and the Board will address this
108 issue at the next Board meeting.

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110 Dr. Rose stated veterinarians that service the rural areas should have a veterinary license
111 like other states like Wyoming, etc. Dr. Priddy stated that veterinary licenses in Alaska
112 are less expensive than other states. The courtesy license covers a special event for thirty
113 consecutive days, which can include clinics.

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115 The Board discussed adding spay and neuter clinics to the courtesy license for off the
116 road communities. Dr. Rose stated the Board can't change statutes, but the Board can
117 make changes to the courtesy license. Dr. Beck referred to the ombudsman's letter which
118 acknowledged the Board's allowance of spay and neuter clinics. The Board is
119 considering adding basic preventative care, such as vaccines, deworming and possibly
120 basic medical treatments and will discuss later. Dr. Rose suggested adding the non-profit
121 language. The Board feels the courtesy license should have a veterinary sponsor and
122 provide services for a defined time to a defined community. Dr. Priddy stated the
123 Board's concern is that this does not create a "loophole" for under-qualified veterinarians
124 to come to our State and leave bush communities with follow-up care.

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126 Dr. Beck asked if the Board can change the regulations that are now out for public
127 comment. Ms. Zinn advised it would be best to wait until after the end of the public
128 comment deadline of Feb. 19, 2013.

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130 Ms. Zinn cautioned the Board that if it makes substantial changes, the regulation project
131 may have to go to public comment again. Ms. Zinn referred to the ombudsman's letter
132 under agenda item 8. Dr. Priddy suggested adding the language: "during a clinic, other
133 small services not requiring the resources or follow-up care of a full-service clinic" from
134 the letter which would allow the veterinarians to perform their duties. Ms. Zinn suggested
135 the board members could individually contact Ms. Kunow with language the Board
136 would like to use. Dr. Rose volunteered to submit language that may be included as a
137 suggestion to the regulation modification for discussion at the next Board meeting.

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145 **Agenda Item 6** **Investigative Report**

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147 Ms. Bundick reported there are currently ten (10) open investigations, three (3) intakes,
148 and one (1) open complaint.

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150 Recess

151 The board recessed at 10:29 a.m.

152 Reconvened at 10:42 a.m.

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155 **Agenda Item 5** **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

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157 **Dr. Allen Wachter letter regarding lack of veterinary technicians in the State of**
158 **Alaska.** Dr. Beck referred Dr. Wachter from New York State University to Dr. Karen
159 Carpenter at the MATSU College. Dr. Rose advised MATSU is developing a teaching
160 program for veterinary technicians. The Board noted Alaska is one of the few states that
161 will license a veterinary technician with on the job training. Dr. Priddy suggested this is
162 an issue the schools need to work out.

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164 **Agenda Item 8** **Regulations**

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166 **Fees**– Dr. Beck noted that since veterinary technicians are now required to take the
167 national veterinary technician exam, the examination fees for the state exam for
168 veterinary technicians will be repealed. Ms. Zinn confirmed and advised the state will be
169 reviewing fees for all boards.

170 This will go out as a division change as a packet project.

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172 **On a motion duly made by Priddy, seconded by Rose, and approved**
173 **unanimously, it was**

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175 **RESOLVED to approve to ask the Division to repeal the state exam**
176 **fees for veterinary technicians.**

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178 Roll call -Priddy – yea, Beck – yea, Rose- yea, Jonrowe – yea- 4 yeas, no nays, motion
179 passed.

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181 **Ombudsman letter (12/31/12)** – Dr. Beck advised Dr. Rose will be writing a statement
182 regarding amending the courtesy license regulation to reflect wording considering the
183 scope of rural services encompassing spay and neuter clinics and other small services not
184 requiring the resources of a full-service clinic. The Board discussed including vaccine
185 clinics and wording to include non-profit 501(3)(c) organizations.

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187 **Agenda Item 9** **Goals and Objectives**

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189 Dr. Priddy read goals and objectives.

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195 Dr. Beck attended national meeting last fall and suggested a board member attend a 2013
196 national level veterinary meeting. This will be discussed at next meeting.
197 Dr. Priddy suggested the Jurisprudence Exam exam be reviewed at the fall meeting.
198 Dr. Priddy expressed concern about applicants' current license verification for the
199 courtesy licenses for 2013 Iditarod. He noted that some applicants' licenses were not
200 current due to the length of time from the start of the application process. Ms. Kunow
201 advised all applicants' licenses had been verified with the individual states via internet
202 and phone conversations.
203 Dr. Priddy suggested the board get rid of old regulations as needed. Board agreed.
204 Ms. Zinn advised that on-line renewals may be possible once the new database is
205 implemented.

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208 **Agenda Item 10 Office Business**

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210 Ms. Zinn advised the Board would need to have a meeting in March to discuss the
211 regulation project that was sent to public comment.

- 212 • Confirm Next Meeting Date


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214 March 22, 2013 – Anchorage, AK

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217 **Agenda Item 11 Adjourn**

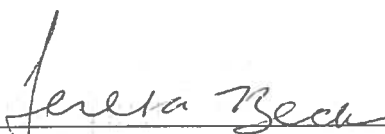
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219 There being no further business, Dr. Beck called for adjournment of the meeting.

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221 The board adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

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227 Debbie Kunow, Licensing Examiner

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234 Teresa Beck, DVM, Chairperson
235 Alaska State Board of Veterinary Examiners
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238 Date: 3-22-13
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