

Santa Barbara-Ventura Veterinary Medical Association

Meeting Date: Thursday, March 14, 2024

Call to Order:

- **By Whom:** Dr. Jeff Pelton
- **Time:**
- **Where:** Cafe Fiore 66 S California St, Ventura, CA 93001

Move to accept previous minutes (X)

First Readings:

- Ian Kupkee - Veterinary Dental Specialists

Second Readings:

- Courteney Breit - Santa Barbara Humane

First and second readings approved (X)

Committee Reports:

- Continuing Education Report: Dr. Gina Sullos
 - Speakers/Sponsors have been secured through the end of 2024
 - Our April meeting will be sponsored by Merck, the topic is TBD
 - Watch the website for updates
- Ethics Report: Dr. Jeff Pelton
- Treasurer's Report: Dr. Jeff Saur - WILL NOT BE IN ATTENDANCE
- House of Delegates Report: Dr. Joseph Raleigh, Dr. Christina Sisk - Nothing new to report
- House of Governors Report: Dr. Patrick Connolly - Nothing new to report

Old Business:

- The SBVMA is continuing to seek volunteers for board positions (VP)

New Business:

- From the Secretary:
 - We seem to be experiencing technical difficulties. I'm trying to gather specific feedback to narrow down if this is an individual profile, website, email or in certain cases user error problem. Specific feedback is greatly appreciated.
 - How it works:
 - Gina sends out 3 invite emails for EVERY meeting. These go to those people who have not yet RSVP'd.
 - Registration is closed on Monday at 4pm preceding the event.
 - A reminder email is sent 1-2 days ahead of the event for those who have RSVP'd.

- If you are not receiving emails, check your SPAM. Emails are sent from SBVVMA@wildapricot.org.
 - If you find that you RSVP'd attending and will not be able to attend, please let us know the Monday before the event by 4pm so we can correct the total count. Our sponsors pay for the expected count we provide Cafe Fiore if it is less than the RSVP count.
 - If members are having difficulty, they need to:
 - Email us at SBVVMABOD@gmail.com or Diana Tucker at drdonckels@gmail.com
 - Take a photo or specifically outline the "error message" they are receiving and send it to me.
 - If members are receiving a registration "currently disabled" error message when attempting to RSVP, they need to check their date/time. RSVPs close at 4pm the Monday before the event (72 hours prior). If they have not RSVP'D by this time, they cannot expect to be able to do so on the website. WE NEED RSVPS at least 72 hours in advance so we can coordinate meals with Cafe Fiore. Members can attempt to reach out to us via the SBVVMA email to request a late RSVP. However, members need to realize that this is not a guarantee. We want all members to be able to attend every meeting, but we also are responsible for giving a final head count to Cafe Fiore 72 hours in advance.
 - If a member thinks they RSVP'D correctly and didn't receive a confirmation email, they need to email us right away at SBVVMABOD@gmail.com or drdonckels@gmail.com. Until further notice, if you didn't receive a confirmation email, you haven't RSVP'd.
 - Thank you to everyone for their patience as we sort through these issues.

Introduce Guests:

- **Sponsor: VetSurg**
- **Title: The Who, Where, and What of Surgical Oncology**
- **Speakers: Ian G. Holsworth BVSc, MANZCVS, Diplomate ACVS-SA and Hilary C. Ludwig DVM, Diplomate ACVS-SA**
- **Dr. Holsworth** is a 1991 graduate of the University of Melbourne Veterinary School, Post-graduation Dr. Holsworth spent 8 years in general practice before becoming an examined Member of the Surgery College of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists in 1995. A surgical Fellowship at the Michigan State Veterinary Teaching Hospital was completed in 2000 prior to commencement of a three-year surgical Resident position at the University of California, Davis Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Dr. Holsworth is currently the practice Director and Senior Surgeon of VetSurg in Ventura, California.
- Commencing in 2006, Dr Holsworth has provided national and international surgical instruction in didactic lectures, surgical laboratories and via digital platforms. Areas of expertise include minimally invasive joint surgery with a special focus on arthroscopy and joint stabilization. In 2018, Dr. Holsworth was designated by the Board of Regents of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS) as an ACVS Founding Fellow in Minimally Invasive Surgery. Joining a select few in the world with this accreditation, Dr. Holsworth was selected for his exemplary training, experience, and practice in the

multidisciplinary approach to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of patients undergoing minimally invasive therapies and for his devotion to research in the field of minimally invasive surgery.

- **Dr. Hilary Ludwig** originally hails from Montreal, Canada. Hilary spent several of her pre-college years growing up in Oklahoma. She graduated with a B.S. degree in Zoology from the University of Oklahoma and earned her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, with high honors, from Oklahoma State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. Hilary then went on to complete a small animal and surgery rotating internship at the University of Georgia. This was followed by her surgical residency at the University of Pennsylvania. During her residency, Dr. Ludwig performed research on canine platelet rich plasma and feline renal transplantation. After her internship and residency, she became an examined Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS). While Dr. Ludwig enjoys both orthopedic and soft tissue surgery, her special interests include minimally invasive surgery, brachycephalic airway syndrome, and surgical oncology. In her spare time, Dr. Ludwig loves to run, try new restaurants, travel abroad, and ride her horse, Fauve. She also enjoys spending time with her husky cross, Lilly, and four lovable kitties, Nigel, Newton, Fig and Big Red.

Adjournment:

- By Whom: Dr. Jeff Pelton
- Time: