



State of Louisiana
Animal Welfare Commission

Office of the Governor

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Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2010

I. Call to order

Gary Balsamo called to order the regular meeting of the Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission at 9:00 AM on July 10, 2010, in room 173, Bienville State Office Building, Baton Rouge, LA.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Dr. Amy Grayson (LVMA representative), Ms. Mary Lee Oliphant-Wood (commercial breeder representative), Ms. Joelle Rupert (humane organization representative), Lt. Paul Edmondson, Louisiana State Police Representative, Dr. Gary Balsamo (Governor's Office of Community Programs representative), Dr. Brian Melius (small animal practice), Dr. A. Philip Dupont (LVMA representative), Mr. Hilton Cole (Animal control representative).

Mr. Pinckney Wood (humane organization representative), Ms. Susan Schneider (Louisiana QH Association representative), Ms. Amy Cannizaro Burris (at-large), Mr. J.T. Lane (DHH representative), Ms. Margaret George (humane organization representative),

The Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders' Association slot remains vacant.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were read and corrected. Dr. Melius explained that Ms. George and Dr. Dupont had agreed to work on the policy statement for tethering, not Ms. George and Dr. Melius. The minutes, specifically section IV. c, second paragraph, were corrected to read as follows:

"A discussion then took place concerning tethering. A general opinion surfaced among the membership that tethering may be required in certain circumstances. The commission should draft an explicit policy statement specifying situations in which tethering is acceptable, clearly explaining humane requirements for tethering. Ms. George and Dr. Dupont agreed to work on this policy statement."

The minutes were then approved by vote of the Commission as read. Motion made by Dr. Dupont, seconded by Dr. Melius.

IV. Open issues

