



State of Louisiana
Animal Welfare Commission

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Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2011

I. Call to order

Gary Balsamo called to order the regular meeting of the Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission at 1:00 PM on September 14, 2011, in the Galvez State Office Building, Baton Rouge, LA.

II. Roll call

The following members were present: Ms. Amy Burris (at-large), Ms. Mary Lee Oliphant-Wood (commercial breeder representative), Ms. Joelle Rupert (humane organization representative), Dr. Gary Balsamo (Governor's Office of Community Programs representative), Dr. Brian Melius (small animal practice), Mr. Hilton Cole (Animal control representative), Ms. Margaret George (humane organization representative), Mr. J.T. Lane (DHH representative), Lt. Paul Edmondson, Louisiana State Police Representative, Dr. A. Phillip Dupont (LVMA representative), and Ms. Susan Schneider (Louisiana Quarter Horse Association representative).

Absent were Mr. Pinckney Wood (humane organization representative) and Dr. Amy Grayson (LVMA representative).

The Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders' Association slot remains vacant.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were read. The minutes were then approved unanimously by vote of the Commission as read. Motion for approval was made by Ms. Amy Burris, seconded by Mr. Cole.

IV. Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report was presented by Ms. Mary Lee Oliphant Wood and was accepted by unanimous vote of the commission after a motion to do so by Ms. Burris, seconded by Mr. Cole. The treasurer's report consisted of an oral presentation with an accompanying check register (Appendix) showing that funds had been transferred into the LAWC account. A discussion took place and suggestions were made that the treasurer be given authority to purchase an accounting program such as *Quick Books*, *Quicken*, or *Business Pro*. The treasurer, Mr. Cole, and Amy Burris agreed to investigate the different programs and look into pricing.

