

GAVMA
Greater Atlanta Veterinary Managers Association

MINUTES: June 8, 2006

- I. Meeting Called to Order
 1. The fourth meeting of the Greater Atlanta Veterinary Managers Association was called to order at 12:45 PM on Thursday, June 8, 2006 at the 1818 Club in Duluth, GA. An excellent buffet lunch was served, courtesy of Merial. Twenty people attended. All present gave their name, title and name of their hospital.
 2. Minutes were handed out, and Sue Black gave the treasurer's report.
- II. Old Business (Judi Bailey)
 1. Judi Bailey gave the current membership numbers: 44 members
 2. Website: Forum
 - a. Please make an effort to utilize the Forum area of our website.
 - b. We will not make the Forum area password protected at this time so non-members will be able to access.
 3. Website: Job Bank. There have been 5 postings in the job bank. Please be sure to mail payment as soon as possible after requesting a listing.
 4. December Meeting:
 - a. Two people responded with ideas for the December meeting.
 - b. The association will have money that needs to be spent by the end of the year, so please e-mail Judi with ideas for a fun meeting.
 5. August meeting: Novartis will be sponsoring, and it will deal with human resource issues.
- III. New Business
 1. To ensure we reach all parties that might be interested in attending or joining this association, Judi will be sending out a "broadcast fax" that will include non-members. She asked that members please provide us with fax or e-mail of non-members so we can expand our database.
 2. Judi introduced Ed Jordan with Merial, our sponsors for today's meeting.
 3. Ed Jordan introduced Dr. Freeman who practiced medicine in a clinical setting prior to joining Merial in 1995 in the Veterinary Services division.
- III. Dr. Freeman presented an interesting and fun program called "Romance At Sea".

The program told a story about a group of people that were shipwrecked on two islands next to each other. The story relates a variety of situations that occur among these people and how they act and react. After the story, Dr. Freeman asked a series of questions that each person answered on paper, and the results were tallied on a flip chart. The answers and interpretations of what occurred were as varied as the people participating. There was a fun discussion and exchange of ideas illustrating how everyone can hear the same story, but walk away with different conclusions about the story. It became evident that people draw conclusions based upon their own history and life experience. It was an excellent program that everyone enjoyed.

Thank you Merial for a lovely lunch and a great program.
- IV. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

