



January 30, 2020

The 2020 Annual Business meeting of the Virginia Mosquito Control Association was held on January 30, 2020 at the Westin Virginia Beach Town Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

President LaToya White called the meeting to order at 10:56 am.

Motion was made by Mitch Burcham, seconded by Ann Herring, to accept the business meeting minutes from the February 7, 2019 annual business meeting as submitted in the registration packets. No discussion, all in favor, none opposed.

Motion was made by Tim DuBois, seconded by Luz Grant, to accept the 2019 financial report as submitted in the registration packets. No discussion, all in favor, none opposed.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Annual Meeting/Local Arrangements:** Co-chair Tim DuBois, thanked everyone for coming to the meeting this year. He asked the membership to please fill out the 2020 survey honestly. It will help with future meetings in either this hotel or in others. Co-chair Charles Abadam, said the 2021 conference will be held at the Newport News Marriot. Same location as the MAMCA joint meeting a few years ago with lots of similarities to be expected. Downtown Norfolk is being looked at for 2022, but issues like parking will need to be hashed out.

**Agenda:** Chair Andy Lima, thanked his committee and all that participated. For future agendas, he stresses a wide variety of topics with more operational talks (boots on the ground). He encouraged the audience members to consider giving a talk, 5-30min, and submit early.

**Vendor Planning:** Chair Ted Bean, enjoyed the meeting. There were no complaints from the vendors. He said to keep in mind other state and regional conference times to avoid conflicts for the vendors.

**Hospitality:** Chair Luz Grant, thanked everyone that participated.

**Audit:** Chair Mitch Burcham, audit was conducted on January 11, 2020 with no discrepancies. Jay did well and books looked good.

**Bylaws:** Chair Jay Kiser, there were no changes this year to the bylaws. Make sure to take a look at the VMCA book of guidelines on the website. These guidelines are good for new committee chairs and board members. If anyone wants to update their section, please send the edits to Jay

**Legislative:** Chair Randy Buchanan, is looking for a new chair for this committee.

**Special Awards:** Chair Jennifer Barritt, thanked her committee (Charles Abadam, Karen Akaratovic, Phil Meekins, and Dreda Symmonds) for all the hard work that went into setting up the Dr. Bruce Harrison Mosquito Research Award. Nominations for this new award will be accepted in 2020. Information will be uploaded to the website and put in the Skeeter.



**Education:** Co-chair Lisa Wagenbrenner, re-certification took place in Hampton 2 weeks ago. There were about 20 attendees. Co-chair Karen Akaratovic said that the 1 day 2019 adult ID course was a success. There will be another ID course set up in May 2020. A larval ID course and Adult ID course in NOVA are still being considered in the future, but no decisions have been made.

**Nominations:** LaToya White, speaking for chair George Wojcik, thanked everyone that volunteered for the 2020 board. If anyone wants to put their name in for next year's nominations, please let her know.

**Elections:** Chair LaToya White, the ballot was a success. Penny Smelser did a great job.

**Historical:** chair Tim DuBois, 2022 is VMCA's 75<sup>th</sup> year and he would like to have a small history room during the annual meeting. If anyone would like to help, please sign up for the committee.

**Information (Skeeter)/Social Media:** Co-chair Karen Akaratovic, most of the credit for the Skeeter goes to Rachel Kempf. More help is needed this year, especially help or ideas with graphic design.

**Membership:** Chair Jay Kiser, we had about 122 people register for the meeting and over 130 people signup for membership.

**Merchandise:** Chair Penny Smelser, thank you to all that purchased merchandise. If anyone is interested in buying merchandise after the meeting, contact Penny. Thank you to Rachel Kempf for submitting the design for the sweatshirt this year. If anyone would like to submit designs for future merchandise, please send them to Penny.

**Photography:** Chair Janice Pulver, if anyone has any good pictures from the conference that they would like to share, please send them to Janice.

**Public Relations:** Chair Ann Herring, 2019 National Mosquito Awareness Week Proclamation went well. 2020 paperwork will be sent out soon. If anyone has ideas for the committee, please contact Ann.

**Tech Support:** Chair Charles Abadam, it would be a good idea to purchase a mixer and lavalier for future VMCA conferences. The association could save a lot of money if we didn't have to rent this equipment each year. The committee is still working on digitizing the audio and visual files of Bruce Harrison's teaching of the larval course a few years ago. Committee member Eli Hosen, said if anyone knows anything about digitizing audio, please contact them.

**Website:** Chair Karen Akaratovic, recently revamped the website. After securing the website with an SSL certificate in the summer, the site crashed. Through several attempts to fix it, she ended up rebuilding the pages. If anything is discovered to not work or something is missing, please let her know. Elena Diskin suggested a VMCA contact list be posted on the website. Jay Kiser said that VMCA has had issues in the past with spam being sent to emails posted on the website. If everyone is okay with their emails being shared, an email list could be sent annually to the membership.

**Student Competition:** Chair Jay Kiser, another successful year with a total of 5 student posters submitted. A total of \$1153 was raised during the meeting, \$223 from the 50/50 raffle and \$930 from



the silent auction before paypal fees. He thanked his committee members and judges for all their hard work. He thanked all those that participated and donated to the 50/50 raffle and silent auction this year. He thanked all of the students that participated in the poster competition.

**TMVCC Rep:** Luz Grant has the VMCA sustaining members signed up for the months of 2020. Because Luz is the only person on the TMVCC board and this is her first year, Mitch Burcham said he would help during the season. He asked if anyone else wanted to help, they can contact Luz or himself. TMVCC is the perfect place to share your ideas. Charles Abadam encouraged more boots on the ground individuals to present during these meetings.

**MAMCA:** Representative Elizabeth Hodson said the next MAMCA meeting will be taking place in Greenville South Carolina from February 19-21. Tim DuBois said MAMCA has had low participation from Virginians over the past couple years. He encouraged more people to come. 2021 will be held in Rehoboth Beach Delaware.

**TRAST:** Representative Janice Pulver, three meetings in 2019 worked out really well. She will try to have the same schedule for 2020. Lisa Wagenbrenner asked if the location of the meeting could rotate throughout Hampton Roads. Janice said that she tried to keep it on the peninsula because of the VDH folks commuting in from Richmond.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

Elections Results- LaToya White announced the results for the 2020 elections. Results showed Andrew Lima as President, Timothy DuBois as President Elect, Wes Robertson as the Vice President, Elizabeth Hodson as the First Vice President, Jay Kiser as Secretary/Treasurer, and Kurt Vandock as the Industry Representative.

Latoya White presented Andy Lima with the presidential gavel kicking off his term to office. At the same time, Andy Lima presented LaToya White with the presidential plaque honoring her year in office. Andy discussed the possibility of more involvement from the committees and membership during board meetings this year.

Motion was made by Tim DuBois, seconded by Jay Kiser to adjourn the meeting at 11:41am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Kiser

VMCA Secretary-Treasurer