



January 27, 2021

The 2021 Annual Business meeting of the Virginia Mosquito Control Association was held virtually through GoToMeeting on January 27, 2021.

President Elect Tim DuBois called the meeting to order at 12:46 pm.

Motion was made by Mitch Burcham, seconded by Ann Herring, to accept the business meeting minutes from the January 30, 2020 annual business meeting as it was submitted on the VMCA registration webpage. No discussion, 17 in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Motion was made by Betsy Hodson, seconded by Luz Grant, to accept the 2020 financial report as it was submitted on the VMCA registration webpage. No discussion, 15 in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Annual Meeting/GoToMeeting Overview:** Charles Abadam, things went well this year with only a few issues. It was a success. Alternate planning was nice to have in place. Tim DuBois said we had up to 87 logins each day, with more people if they were watching from the same screen.

**Annual Meeting/Agenda:** Chair Tim DuBois, the agenda come together really well. There were no problems finding speakers, and it was easy to put together. He encouraged everyone to fill out the survey on the website. The survey and committee sign up sheet will remain available on the VMCA website until January 29.

**Annual Meeting/Local Arrangements:** Chair Charles Abadam, 2022 in person conference is in the works. The meeting will be held January 25-27 at the Newport News Marriot. This is the same location that the 2021 meeting was supposed to be. There were some issues with the hotel receiving the down payment, but those issues are being worked out.

**Audit:** Chair Mitch Burcham, audit was conducted on January 25, 2021 and everything looked great. Thank you to Jay for keeping meticulous records.

**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. 2021 may have some proposed bylaws changes.

**Special Awards:** Chair Jennifer Barritt, there were no awards this year due to the conference going in a virtual manner. The plan is to have awards for 2022. If anyone would like to submit nominations, please send them to her.

**Education:** Co-chair Karen Akaratovic, the 2021 Hampton re-certification was cancelled due to gathering restrictions. The 2021 adult ID course in May will most likely be cancelled, but we will have to see. Stay tuned to the Skeeter and Webpage for updates on the ID course and other educational events.



**Nominations:** Chair LaToya White, thanked everyone that helped. Andy Lima will be chair of the nominations committee this coming year. If anyone is interested in or knows someone that would be good for the board, contact Andy.

**Elections:** member Penny Smelser, the ballot was a success with 46 votes.

**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 Rachel Kempf, thanked everyone for their submissions over the year. The deadline for the winter Skeeter will be coming up over the next few weeks.

**Membership:** Chair Jay Kiser, we have about 167 VMCA members right now. This is the highest number we have had over the last few years.

**Merchandise:** Chair Penny Smelser, if merchandise orders are made in the next two weeks there is a possibility no shipping. Tim will drop off merchandise orders to central and northern Virginia. Look in your emails for order forms.

**Photography:** Chair Janice Pulver, it was difficult to take photos this year with the conference being virtual. If anyone has any pictures from the conference or other events during the year, please share. There is a folder on the Google Drive for photos. Janice will be stepping down as chair in 2021. If anyone is interested in taking over, talk with Tim.

**Public Relations:** Chair Ryan Levering, 2020 National Mosquito Awareness Week Proclamation paperwork went out in April, but there was never confirmation from the governor's office. Hopefully the 2021 paperwork will be confirmed.

**Tech Support:** Chair Charles Abadam, the 2021 virtual meeting was a lot of work but really fun to set up. There were a few issues, but things seemed to go really well. Thank you to Tim, Jay, and Karen for being so helpful. It could be a good idea to do virtual events like this in the future; small symposium or webinars on different topics like pesticide resistance.

**Website:** Chair Karen Akaratovic, website worked out really well with posting information about the virtual meeting. Thank you to all that helped. The plan is to put PDFs of the presentations on the website.

**Student Competition:** Chair Jay Kiser, even with a weird year, we were able to hold a student poster competition. There was less participation than we expected, but we were happy to host it and had a great first place poster from Na Xie. We are planning on having our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tour de Skeeter on June 19, 2021. Please be on the lookout for registration emails. A huge thank you to the committee members for all their hard work.

**MAMCA:** Representative Elizabeth Hodson, my three years as representative have come to an end. Jeff Hottenstien will be taking over the position. February 17-18, MAMCA will be having a free virtual



conference. Even though it is free, you still need to register. Information can be found on the MAMCA website. The current plan for the 2022 meeting will be in-person at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

**TMVCC Rep:** 2020 President Mitch Burcham, not much happened with TMVCC in 2020. Because of Covid, all the meetings were cancelled. Ann Herring will be taking over as president and Luz Grant as vice president. We are still in need of a secretary if you would like to get involved. Ann Herring said they are hoping to have some meetings in 2021, but not until the later part of the year. Keep an eye on your emails for meetings. We appreciate all the help from everyone.

**TRAST:** Representative Janice Pulver, the first TRAST meeting of 2021 will be virtual. An email will be sent out soon to set up a time. Last year's virtual meeting went well.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

Elections Results- Committee member Penny Smelser, announced the results for the 2021 elections. Results showed Timothy DuBois as president, Wes Robertson as the president elect, Elizabeth Hodson as the vice president, and Francis Valera as first vice president.

Karen Akaratovic wanted to know how the video recording of the 2021 virtual conference would be shared. Since it such a large file, could VMCA put it on YouTube? Charles Abadam said VMCA should have a YouTube account with their Google account. Jay Kiser said he will logon to the account and see what he finds. He will pass the information on to the Karen and Charles for posting.

Motion was made by Jay Kiser, seconded by Ann Herring to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, none opposed, meeting adjourned at 1:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Kiser

VMCA Secretary-Treasurer