Summary of the OAEP meeting January 28, 2013.

CVO – discussion with Jan Robinson: Jan was interested in learning about the relationship with the OAEP and the CVO in the past, which historically has been mostly issue based. Last year the OAEP did meet with the CVO which allowed the OAEP to have more of a voice. The OAEP president is asked to represent the group on practice expectation documents or position statements. The exec requested that the CVO be more transparent on issues that have been discussed, but not pursued by the CVO. Overall it was a good discussion on improving the relationship/communication between the CVO and the OAEP. The other reason Jan wished to speak with the OAEP is to discuss Quality assurance. Many professions are changing from being self-regulated to government regulated. Public confidence on self-regulated professions is decreasing. Thus, it is better for us to be proactive then have public dissatisfaction change how we are regulated. How do we do this? Assurance of quality practice. CVO looking for suggestions on how to better assess or show evidence of quality practice. Strictly basing quality practice on complaints is not enough. The CVO will be looking for input from various industries.

Prepurchase committee update: A survey went out to horse sport magazine and in general the comments were positive, with 72% happy with their PPE. Many of the negative comments stemmed from misunderstanding or inexperience, which may have been avoided by bringing an agent to assess suitability, etc. 16 sets of radiographs with 16 views have been evaluated and commented on by Dr. Brunken in Europe and were offered to the OAEP for viewing. The OAEP exec discussed one way to use this: we could to send these to a radiologist in North America to compare notes which could then be share with the membership. It was also discussed at the PPE committee that the 3 point grading system is very similar to mild, moderate, severe used in North America. Also, the PPE committee discussed making a brochure to educate client, on " what to look for when buying a horse", importance of hiring an agent, what to look for in a Prepurchase exams, etc.

Website: It is up and running - will need to purchase as maintenance package for the first year.

Strategic Planning Meeting: Set for Feb. 23rd ,with Doug Raven from the OVMA, open to regional reps and any interested members.

OVMA/OAEP racing task force update: OMAFRA recognizes the need for more equine representation. One of the major concerned discussed was more funding or methods for euthanizing surplus horses.

AGM update: Greg Douglass - Chief Vet of the Ontario is coming to give update on the equine industry in Ontario and review biosecurity. There will be OVC research posters, organized by Dr. Trout. We have also invited Jan Robinson to give a quick presentation on quality assurance. Other suggestions for speakers included Dr. Dave Frisbee or a vet comedian to provide some levity. *Dr. Frisbee agreed to come, but it was decided to not limit his visit for a 20 minute presentation and have ad CE event with him in the fall.* A financial update will be given by Dr. Peatling. Still need a vice president for next year, will continue to ask around for interested members. Members will be invited to participate on sub committees as well.