Summary of the OAEP meeting May 22, 2012.

Website: One of the main topics of the meeting was the upgrading of our website. It is currently slow, difficult to update and lacks important features. We discussed the importance of being on the forefront of representing equine veterinary medicine in Ontario, and we should invest in being more present in technology. Dr. Carol Jakel has talked with a few potential companies, and our budget ranges from $4000-10000. A two phase update was suggested to help split up the costs. Over the next couple months the executive will meet with the potential companies and determine how to proceed.

Treasurer's report: we have an account balance of $26,200. With increased costs (including a website overhaul) it was proposed membership dues will need to increase from $50 to $80.

Compensation of executive members attending meetings: $250/half day, $400/full day, where one is representing the OAEP, I.e. Ontario livestock and Poultry Council. *This is not for OAEP executive meetings.* A change in the bylaw is required to allow this compensation, must contact all OAEP members giving 60 days' notice to change the bylaw. *Please note this was postponed for the time being with too many other concerns to be addressed first.*

Upcoming CE: In general we need more sponsorship. Andy Clark (business seminar) will cost $9000-$10000, Merck will sponsor a portion but we need a co-sponsor. Webinars are covered by Merial, an internal medicine series was suggested (neonatology, clinical pathology, neurology) as has not been recently covered. Colleen will investigate a possible OVC meeting with Dr. Koenig. The OVMA conference will be January 24-26, 2013 and the equine portion will feature Dr. BA Rucker for dentistry, Dr. Viel on allergic airway disease, and Dr. Lacroix/Dr. C. Best on practice management. Other CE to be determined.

Prepurchase committee: A owner/breeder approached the OAEP with concerns regarding the standardization or lack of consistency of the prepurchase exam. He was advised to present concerns with the CVO and OVMA. This individual will be forming a prepurchase working committee. A motion was passed by the executive to have Dr. Barham represent the OAEP on this prepurchase working committee, to keep us informed and refrain from anything that would compromise professional independence.

Other topics briefly discussed included the Ontario Zoonotic Influenza working group, Ontario Livestock and Poultry Council, and setting a donation policy for passing of a member.