Summary of the OAEP meeting November 26, 2012.

AGM update: Date will be either the last week of February or second week of March – TBD, in the same room as previous years at the holiday inn. Dr. Greg Douglas, chief vet of Ontario is keen to speak at the meeting. Also, Dr. Trout from OVC will ask faculty to present research, as poster presentations.

Website: The website content is almost up to date. Original members will be contacted for a history of the OAEP. A feature was suggested to link to the CVO on how to find a vet in your area. Also, to have a line that says "ask your veterinarian if they are an OAEP member". Content will be reviewed by the entire executive before launching the website.

Andy Clake event – negative feedback: Some members raised concerns with the content that was presented and that there was a private morning session not open to all OAEP members. Dr. Reid-Burke will follow up and email the membership explaining that the afternoon OAEP session was intended as a completely separate event unrelated to the morning session. What did we learn? Next year to be more clear on joint CE events, and /or avoid entirely joining up CE with another clinic/private practice or for profit companies. In general, OAEP will try to avoid joint CE events, or handle very carefully and very separate if speakers are shared.

Strategic Planning Meeting: Doug Raven from the OVMA has volunteered to run the strategic planning meeting. Executive will attend and an email invite sent to the membership to participate in person or email suggestions. Scheduled for Feb. 23.

CE upcoming: Ask for suggestions from the membership on what they would like to see for the upcoming year.

Admin Update: Welcome to the new administrative assistant, Julie Wright. One of her tasks will be to review the listserve and keep members current. Membership renewal will be available at the AGM. In future, may have incentive to pay dues by January 1st (slightly less expensive). A membership drive was also suggested - contact equine veterinarians that are not OAEP members. There were no concerns raised form the membership regarding the fee increase.

Prepurchase exam committee: Dr. Barham feels the past meeting with the PPE committee were productive. The goal of the committee is to establish guidelines for all parties involved … "industry best practices for buyers and sellers". It is important for Dr. Barham to stay a part of the committee representing the OAEP and equine vet interests. I.e. it should not comment on how a veterinarian performs a prepurchase exam (professional independence), but to focus on advice to buyers and sellers. It is key to highlight the importance of the vet-client relationship and not to regulate how veterinarians conduct a prepurchase exam.

Treasurer report: Dr. Peatling will email the membership on the racing futures donations to date: total $6550. We currently have $22,600 in the OAEP account waiting for sponsorship form webinars and website to come in. Double signing of checks will be instituted.

Other business: Start asking around to who may be interested in the VP position for next year. Other topics discussed briefly were the OSPCA and keeping them informed of welfare concerns - investigators and equine vets must work together. Also, with the racing task force Dr. Moore discussed they are meeting with several different welfare groups to address the upcoming concerns.