OAEP Annual General Meeting, February 15, 2017

Minutes

The meeting opened with a welcome to members and guests from OAEP president Dr. Julie Ballinger. Presentations followed by Mr. Bill Seegmiller of sponsor Merck Animal Health, Dr. Alison Moore of OAHN and Dr. Luis Arroyo on the Anaplasmosis/Lyme Disease seroprevalence study.

Mr. Doug Raven gave the OVMA update: meetings have been held with the AGCO. Some positive changes are in store as the AGCO is willing to consult with veterinarians on decision making, rule changes and licensure. He also reported that the OVMA will be giving practice management seminars which will be free to OVMA members.

Dr. Arroyo gave the CE update: Dr. John Prescott of OVC will be giving a webinar on antimicrobial resistance on March 15 and Zoetis will be presenting a future webinar on field anesthesia and pain management.

Dr. Liz Shiland gave the welfare update: Dr. Amy Bennett will be replacing Dr. Shiland as chair of the welfare committee. The equine rescue accreditation document has been completed and will be released soon. Future topics to be addressed include traceability issues and disaster planning.

Dry Ballinger gave the racing committee update: various meetings have been held with the AGCO, CPMA, CVO and AHL to discuss veterinarians' input on regulatory changes, equine welfare, drug testing, the death registry etc.

Dr. Pat Meyers presented the treasurer's report and outlined the income and expenses of the past year. Elections were held and positions for 2017 are as follows:
Past president Dr. Julie Ballinger
President Dr. Pat Meyers
Vice president (president elect) Dr. Tovah Caldwell
Secretary Dr. Jenna Donaldson
Treasurer Dr. Kathy Heys
Regional reps:
District 1 open
District 2 Dr. James Crawford
District 3 Dr. Pam Chesterfield
District 4 Dr. Luis Arroyo
District 5 Dr. Liz Shiland
District 6 open
District 7 Dr. Ben Henderson
District 8 Dr. Vicky Pringle.

The door prize was an AAEP membership and was won by vet student Rebecca Wilson.

Dr. Pat Meyers presented the Honorary life member award to Dr. Ralph De Gannes.

Dr. Stan Henderson presented the Distinguished Life Member award to Dr. Don Furness and Dr. Mary Bell presented the Distinguished Life Member award to Dr. Jim Mitchell.

Dr. Pat Meyers presented the outgoing president award to Dr. Julie Ballinger.

Dr. Luis Arroyo introduced the guest speaker Dr. Heidi Reesink, Cornell University, who gave an interesting presentation on joint therapies.

Speaker Dr. Reesink and sponsors Mr. Bill Seegmiller of Merck Animal Health and Mr. Rick Culver of Vet Purchasing were thanked by Dr. Pat Meyers and the meeting was adjourned.