OAEP Exec Meeting – Mar 22, 2017 – 6:30pm – OVC Cafeteria

Present: Dr. Kathy Heys, Dr. Julie Ballinger, Dr. Pat Meyers, Dr. Tovah Caldwell, Dr. Amy Bennett, Dr. Jenna Donaldson, Alice Draper, Dr. Memo Arroyo

Dr. Meyers opened the meeting by welcoming new members

OVC Industry Day

- OAEP had a booth at OVC Industry Day. This was somewhat controversial but ultimately approved. Dr. Meyers and Alice stood at the booth. There was a lot of traffic of students walking by and engaging. This is important to gain new members. Dr. Meyers is also promoting the OAEP to 2nd year OVC students. We got 2 new student members at the Industry Day. We purchased an OAEP banner and some swag (pens, etc).

Membership – Dr. Meyers

- Last year we were at 120 members, currently at 119. Ideally should try to increase numbers every year – make a goal of adding 10 news members every year?
- Shouldn't be that difficult to add 10 more. Start by reaching out to previous members who have yet to pay (got 10 last week doing this). Can also research AAEP membership and reach out to those who are not also OAEP members. There are many more equine vets in ON than our members, but not sure how many exactly there are
- Previously having issues with the website and online dues renewal – would not let members renew until it has been exactly 365 days since joining. Many issues have been resolved and several memberships have been received recently so it seems to mostly be fixed. Possibly there are additional issues with PayPal
- It might be useful to have some sort of newsletter going over our goals for the year, letting members know that renewal issues have been resolved but letting them know they can also mail in cheques, etc
- There are 120 paid members but 224 members on the listserv – should they be cut off? Decided to have a cutoff date and let them know if they don't pay by a certain date, they will be cutoff.
- All present are in favour of Alice reaching out to members who have not paid and letting them know they will be cutoff the listserv, but there will be a database of member email addresses so a "general newsletter" can be sent to all, but they will not have CE privileges, etc

Website – Dr. Meyers

- OVC students would like to be more involved. A survey was recently sent to members from the students to be completed. OVC students asked if there could be a 'classified' section posted for jobs, externships, volunteer opportunities, etc. Could also add equipment to this section – this will be an easy addition to the website.

- Facebook would be a good way to engage students - easier to update than websites – could start by creating a Facebook page to engage members
- Alice to look into creating a Facebook page to start engaging members, then consider the website in the future. The goal is to increase exposure of the OAEP and encourage vets and students to join and understand what they are getting for their members

AGM – Dr. Meyers

- AGM minutes were approved by email
- Should we change the constitution so that distinguished member nominees don't have to leave the room to be voted on? Technically the constitution needs to be changed at the AGM. We could send a survey now asking if members are in favour of making a change to the constitution immediately (rather than waiting until the AGM next year?) so that distinguished members can be voted on prior to the meeting
- Action: we will send out a survey about this shortly (first to exec to confirm wording, then to members)

OAEP Goals for the Year

- To promote the OAEP as an association for collegiality and friendship as well as professional organization
- Should the membership fee be lower since there is a lot of money in the bank account? (comment from the membership)
    - Action Item: leave membership fee alone, but try to add a social event to add value the membership (likely late September at Dr. Meyers' farm) – will discuss at a later meeting

CE – Dr. Arroyo

- Should we continue doing 3 webinars per year? The highest number of registrants is 42 and the highest number of people listening was 39 people, some are much lower than this. Dates and times were based on surveys sent several years ago, is it worth revisiting this with our membership? (i.e. sending new surveys to members re dates/times/topics)
- In-person events are great but not as accessible to the entire membership. Another option would be to have an in-person talk with livestreaming. The benefit of webinars is the speaker can be anywhere in the world and they are very inexpensive to run. Downside is engagement seemed to be low.
- Action Item: decide what CE events we want to hold for the next year?
    - 2 more webinars: Tues May 16th and Nov

- Possible Topics:
    - Dr. Carrie Fino or Dr. Stephanie Valberg – neuromuscular diseases – how to approach a case and how to collect samples
    - Dr. Bettina Wagner (UC Davis): Lyme disease testing OR skin allergy testing and how valid are some of the results (Evidence-based)
    - Dr. Lutz - EHV-1
    - Atrial fibrillation
    - Laminitis
    - PPE – possibly a local practitioner
    - Field anesthesia – could be sponsored by Zoetis, but this is an OVMA topic
    - Leptospirosis - Zoetis did not want to sponsor this
    - Something more practical/hands-on? This could also be added to the social night – ie how to approach a colic, how to look at an eye
- Action Items:
    - Webinar - Tues May 16th – Cardiac Abnormalities – Dr. Arroyo to organize this
    - Webinar - Tues Nov 14th – Repro – possibly Dr. Patrick McCue or Dr. Ryan Ferris – Dr. Meyers to reach out to the CSU repro people
    - Survey the membership at the end of the year for next year's topics
    - Sept (ish) – social event with very informal CE – possibly having surgeons/referral people talk about "what drives you crazy" from rDVMs
- Sponsorship for CE
    - Dr. Arroyo to reach out to Zoetis, Dr. Meyers to reach out to Merial – both will work on increasing sponsorship

Welfare Committee Update – Dr. Bennett

- Guidelines for Rescue Facilities are complete – press release was sent out
- Captive bolt controversy – based on CVMA and AVMA definitions but did not specifically define how it should be conducted
- Reaching out to Cindy McMann – providing a place to house horses for women who are leaving abusive situations
- Will meet with Marissa Robertshaw about equine feedlot practices
- Quality of Life intake forms for vets to fill out to guide prognosis and treatment of rescued animals

- Have vet student attend OLEX to learn about disease conditions
- Working on guidelines for conditions in horses that shouldn't be shipped to auction

Racing Committee – Dr. Ballinger

- No news to report
- AGCO sent out reforms – currently creating working groups

Treasurer's Report – Dr. Meyers

- Bank balance: ~$30,000 – after memberships have come in, paid some wages/expenses. No other foreseeable revenue or expenses in the near future
- Action item: Dr. Meyers will confirm with an accountant whether there is a maximum bank balance for registered nonprofit organizations

Other Business

- Doorprize from AGM – AAEP membership was won by a student, AAEP membership for students is free – we will give her the money instead ($320 USD)
    - Dr. Heyes and Dr. Meyers will organize sending her an e-transfer
- Compouding Pharmacy letter from Dr. Harley Waxer – sent letter complaining that CVO regulations are preventing having compounded drugs as "for office use"
    - Dr. Meyers could not find any changes that will prevent this – also checked with Jan Robinson who said there is no limit in amount of inventory of compounded drugs above and beyond what was already in place.
    - CVO sent a response which addresses this issue directly
    - Will reply to Dr. Waxer, Hannah Ferguson, Nick Luciano stating that we adhere to the CVO position statement on compounded drugs
- Dr. Meyers recently had a meeting with other organizations. The meeting focused on 1) ensuring that vet voices are heard as the consultations and changes with AGCO go forward and 2) that there is a method for the vet voices to be heard by senior management independent of AGCO veterinarians
- Dr. Ballinger: meeting with CVO and several OAEP exec – CVO is trying to close the loophole that allows trainers to treat their clients' horses – we liaised to provide information about the risks of lay people diagnosing and treating horses
    - Exec members will provide our input/thoughts on these risks and any reference papers we can find

Next meeting date: Tues May 10th – 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Meyers