Minutes. Ontario Association of Equine Practitioners

Annual General Meeting. March 7, 2018

The meeting was opened with welcoming remarks by outgoing president Dr. Pat Meyers and incoming president Dr. Tovah Caldwell. A motion to accept last year's AGM minutes was put forward by Dr Julie Ballinger and seconded by Dr Mary Bell.

Committee reports:
The racing committee chair Dr Julie Ballinger has been involved in industry consultations with the AGCO and other groups. Efforts are ongoing to have a single AGCO vet license for the three racehorse breeds.
Dr Amy Bennet reported that there were no recent developments with the welfare committee.
Dr Luis Arroyo of the continuing education committee was not present but, as reported br Dr Pat Meyers, continues to do an excellent job of organizing CE events.

Dr Meyers then outlined the some of the organization's accomplishments of the past year: participated in OVC Industry day, held a collegiality/CE barbecue in September, started a Facebook page, held webinars on antimicrobial usage, reproduction and cardiology.
OAEP membership has increased over the past couple of years and a bigger CE event is planned if the membership agrees to spending money this way. Members are invited to fill out a questionnaire on this topic.
Dr Meyers also gave details of the treasurer's financial report , copies of which were available for the members' perusal. It was noted that more sponsorship money would be needed for the planned CE event.
The executive committee for 2018 will be headed by Dr Tovah Caldwell as president, with past president Dr Pat Meyers, president-elect Dr Amy Bennet, secretary Dr Alison Moore, treasurer Dr Kathy Heys and executive assistant Alice Draper. The district representatives are as follows: District 1-open, District 2-Dr James Crawford, District 3-Dr Julie Ballinger, District 4-Dr Luis Arroyo, District 5-Dr Liz Shiland, District 6-open, District 7-Dr Ben Henderson, District -Dr Vicki Pringle.

Awards were presented. Dr Greg Taylor received an Honourable Member award which was accepted in his absence by Dr Julie Ballinger . Dr Mike Weber received a Distinguished Life Member award, presented by Dr Stan Henderson. Dr Laura Smith-Maxie received a Distinguished Life Member award, presented by Dr Mary Bell. Dr Darryl Bonder received a Distinguished Life Member award, presented by Dr Jessica Peatling.
Dr Tovah Caldwell presented the new student bursary awards. Marika Van Shaik received the Externship Travel award, Alaina MacDonald received the Ontario Rural Practice award and

Rebecca Wilson received the Animal Welfare award.
Dr Caldwell presented Dr Meyers with a plaque thanking him for his service as president.

Dr Meyers welcomed guest speaker Dr Maureen Long of the University of Florida who gave a presentation on mosquito-borne equine diseases.
Dr Alison Moore gave an update on the Ontario Animal Health Network.

Dr Meyers thanked and presented gifts to the guest speaker Dr Long and to the meeting sponsors Mr Bill Seegmiller of Merck Animal Health and Mr Rick Cuthbert of Vet Purchasing.
He also thanked the OAEP members and guests in attendance.
The meeting was adjourned.