OAEP Executive Meeting Aug 10,2016

Minutes

In attendance: L.Shiland, L. Arroyo, J.Ballinger, A.Draper, K.Heys, S.Henderson via Skype

The meeting was called to order by J. Ballinger.

CE update Luis Arroyo: the dermatology webinar had 15 participants out of 34 registrations and will be posted later on the OAEP website. The CE portion of the next AGM was discussed including the possibility partnering again with Ev Post and the necessity of having a good topic and presentation time of about 45 min. As well a webinar is planned for November. Suggested topics included new pharmaceuticals, respiratory disease, lyme disease survey, repro round table, antibiotic use and foal septicemia.

Welfare committee Liz Shiland: the welfare committee will present some recommendations to the AGCO re revamping horseracing rules and regulations. The Rescue Guidelines document is ready for printing. Both OEF and Equine Guelph offered to print it if they could get funding(donations) for it but it was decided that the OAEP should be responsible for having it printed as it will not be that expensive.The OEF will facilitate the rescues' self assesssment and about a dozen rescues are expected to participate. The guidelines may be available online and hopefully can be posted on our website.

Executive assistant Alice Draper reported that she is in contact with Citrix as there is a problem getting the dermatology webinar recording to post on our website. There are ongoing problems with our website developer Giant Goat regarding Paypal as well they want $2000 to add a calendar and classified section to our website. For the time being members should use the OVMA classifieds. It was agreed that Alice would get quotes from other website developers. OAEP member addresses are needed for the contact maps she is working on and she will get them from the CVO website. As well she is working on plans for the September collegiality meeting. She would like to run future webinars and include potential members in the invitation. Moved by J. Ballinger and seconded by L. Shiland that A. Draper ask Heather Macpherson to train her to run webinars and the OAEP will pay for it.

Racing committee Julie Ballinger: the racing committee will be making some recommendations to the AGCO during the rules and regulations consultation process. Despite ongoing conversations with the AGCO the Commission Vets are still being stonewalled in their efforts to receive post mortem results on horses they have sent in to the program .Dialogue between the AGCO and CVO might be helpful. The Racing Committeee had a productive meeting with Mr. Steve Suttie and Dr. Carolyn Cooper of the CPMA. They seemed receptive to input from practicing veterinarians and agreed that the public could be better informed on the realities of positive drug tests i.e. very small percentage of samples tested and the majority for therapeutic

medications. There are still many concerns with the new CPMA drug withdrawal guidelines and as well many vets find the FEI and Equine Canada drug withdrawal guidelines very confusing. K Heys will try to find the most up to date regulations from these two groups.

Treasurer Pat Meyers was not able to attend the meeting but emailed the treasurer's report. The bank balance is $32,468.49 as of Aug 12, 2016.

New Business: the subject of antibiotic use in animals was brought up by S.Henderson. Superbugs have been linked to antibiotic use in animals of which 90% is used in growth promotants. Equine use is extremely small but animal antibiotic use and especially compounded drugs may eventually be curtailed by Health Canada. L Arroyo will get recommendations on a position statement from Dr J.Prescott pathobiologist at OVC. S. Henderson confirms that the OAEP and Halton-Peel Association will meet with Jan Robinson, CVO Registrar, at the Mohawk Inn on Sept 27. He will send out a poster for this meeting. He also thought we should soon set a date and place for the AGM. Some options were discussed including holding it at the OVMA conference as they are important supporters of the OAEP, or at OVC or Woodbine Racetrack. It seems that turnout for the meeting is not that great so perhaps the CE could take place after the AGM .Perhaps a member survey would be helpful. As well, a career night with the OVC Equine Club was mentioned and according to L.Shiland the club does organize one every year and gets a very good turnout of veterinarians from different disciplines.

The next executive meeting will be held on Tues Oct 18 at 6pm.

S.Henderson moved and J. Ballinger seconded that the meeting be adjourned.