Minutes

OAEP Executive meeting June 15, 2016

In attendance: Julie Ballinger, Luis Arroyo, Colleen Best, Alice Draper , Kathy Heys
Via Skype : Pat Meyers, Stan Henderson

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Ballinger.

OVMA/CVO update: OVMA liaison Dr. Best reported on some recent topics in OVMA discussions such as food safety and antimicrobial use in food producing animals and whether the very small number of horses used for food should be included in this group.
Also she mentioned that there has been no contact between the new racing regulatory body, the AGCO, and the OVMA. The OVMA could possibly approach the AGCO with pertinent questions such as refusal to release post mortem results to Commission vets and the use of nonveterinarians as health and welfare media spokespersons during televised racing events. the latter point was brought up by Dr. Ballinger following her experience with AGCO media training for Commission vets. Dr Best asked if the OAEP would like to meet regularly with the OVMA and asked for topics for discussion. The OVMA could perhaps help with the OAEP membership drive by putting a notice in their newsletter.
Dr. Henderson asked about the status of the CVO drug taskforce but it may have been phased out ....Dr. Best will check on that.

CE update: Dr Arroyo was unable to schedule a webinar with Dr. Mu but has arranged for Dr. Stephen White of UC Davis to present a webinar on dermatology next month, likely on July 27th. The cost is $300 USD and Dr. Arroyo will contact potential sponsors. If none are found the OAEP will cover the cost. It was agreed that the two remaining webinars will take place in late September and November. As well a CE and social event will be planned for mid September. Possible CE topics mentioned included repro, soft tissue injuries, rehab and antimicrobial use. It was agreed that topics need to be popular with the majority of members, lameness topics always being most in demand. Dr Henderson suggested an open mike meeting with the CVO president might be interesting. as well.

Welfare update: Dr Shiland was unable to attend the meeting but sent a welfarw committe update via email. She and Dr Bell met with the OEF regarding the the document "Guidelines for Equine Rescue, Retirement and AdoptionFacilities" but the OEF has not yet decided if they will be responsible for putting it into action. Gayle Ecker of Equine Guelph is willing to take on the project and has sent the document for a printing quote. The project will now need some financial backing.

Membership drive: Alice Draper reported that the website has been a problem in that Paypal is debiting people on a yearly basis when they sign up... Giant Goat will be showing her how to fix the problem. The membership drive has been successful as there are 12 new members bringing the membership number to 124 with more to follow. The webinars will be used to entice past members to rejoin.. As well Alice is organizing the members by area which will be most helpful. Dr Meyers thanked her for the successful membership drive. Dr Ballinger will forward information to Alice on an alternate website developer.

Treasury report: Dr Meyers reported that the account balance is $33,744.18. A cheque was received from Idexx for the AGM and all expenses have been paid.. Dr meyers talked to his accountant about the pros and cons of investing the money and will distribute the info when she gets back to him.

Racing committee update: Dr Ballinger reported on the media training as referenced earlier. Members of the racing committee met with the AGCO and there appears to be some forward-thinking in this new regulatory body... they will be reviewing the rules of racing and will ask for input from all members of the industry at the end of June. The committee will also be meeting with the CPMA to discuss concerns with the new drug elimination guidelines.

New Business: Dr Crawford is no longer able to serve as vice president(president-elect) but will continue as regional rep. Although a new VP can be appointd by the executive it was though that in the interest of transparency a call should be made for nominations . This will be sent out to the members and then a vote will be held using Survey Monkey. Dr Meyers has expressed interrest in the position and is willing to continue as treasurer until the AGM. Dr Ballinger will nominate him for the position of VP.
Dr Heys has received emails from VetPD regarding a proposed agreement with them concerning their CE offerings in Ontario. This matter had been discussed previously and it was reiterated that the OAEP would be happy to send out their CE notices but is not interested in entering into any sort of agreement with them. Dr Heys to advise them of this decision..
A budget will be discussed for the collegiality/CE meeting in September.

The next executive meeting will be held on Wednesday, Aug 10 at 6pm.

The meeting was adjourned.