Ontario Association of Equine Practitioners (OAEP)
Executive Meeting Minutes
Ontario Veterinary College
October 13, 2015

Members in Attendance

- Julie, Balinger, Liz Shiland, Luis Arroyo, Stan Henderson, Robin Ferguson, Jessica Peatling, Ev Post

Discussion Topic: Potential Partnership between OAEP and KUWS for Sue Dyson Event/OAEP AGM

- Ev Post was invited to the meeting tonight as a representative for KUWS, to present an opportunity to partner with KUWS for an event with Sue Dyson as the speaker, to be held in early February 2016. Ev Post has already secured this event and has offered to explore the potential partnering opportunity.
- The event is to be held the last weekend in February (February 27 and 28, Sat and Sun) with one major sponsor (a pharmaceutical company, to be confirmed by KUWS), with Dr. Sue Dyson to present cases as part of a practical session.
- Event Venue: Theattro Convention Centre in Milton (confirmed)
- The proposed partnership opportunity involves a KUWS (paid) portion and a free portion to the event. The KUWS portion requires a fee to be paid by attendees, and would be followed by the free portion of the event. The free portion would involved Sue Dyson speaking/presentation time, would be free for OAEP members, and would be tentatively slotted for Sunday, February 28 from 12:45-2:15pm. The OAEP could potentially hold their AGM at the end of the free portion of the Sue Dyson event.
- If partnering with KUWS is pursued, KUWS would ask that we credit the KUWS sponsor during the OAEP AGM (as this sponsor would have funded travel and speaker fees for Sue Dyson in addition to other event costs). The OAEP would also be required to obtain their own sponsor to cover the costs of the OAEP AGM portion of the event (estimated at $2500).
- Other suggestions made by Ev Post was to have a wine and cheese portion during the OAEP AGM served at tables to keep attendees seated for AGM; and for the OAEP to get a sponsor for a good giveaway to entice people to stay for the AGM (requested that the OAEP sponsor not be a pharmaceutical company so as not to conflict with the KUWS sponsor).
- Advertising: the OAEP would advertise the AGM with the free portion on Sunday February 28 from 12:45-2:15pm
- All registrations for the Sue Dyson event (whether paid KUWS portion or free OAEP members portion are to go through one person, ideally Ev, to avoid confusion for attendees.
- If the weather is bad for the event, KUWS will have a set up for a live stream webinar style format
- For the AGM, projected costs for OAEP which would require sponsorship would be $125 for the room, tea and coffee $5/person, break food ~$10/person, drink tickets $5 per person
- **Motion to have AGM in conjunction in KUWS on February 28 put forth by Robin Ferguson; Motion seconded by Stan Henderson**

Discussion Topic: CE Update

- Update presented by Jessica Peatling and Luis Arroyo
- A collective decision was made to not pursue the topic of ophthalmology as a webinar topic (as previously discussed) due to difficulty with obtaining a speaker
- Updated agenda is to have a webinar in November 18th on "Equine Hepatitis Virus", a new and emerging disease topic
- Confirmed Date: November 18
- Confirmed Speaker: Dr. Baird (secured by Luis Arroyo)
- Tentative Sponsor: Trutina (Nick), Robin to contact him and confirm
- **Motion to have CE Webinar on Equine Hepatitis Virus in November 2015 by Jessica Peatling; motion seconded by Luis Arroyo.**

Racing Committee Update

- Update presented by Julie Ballinger
- Julie Ballinger reviewed the executive edits that were made to the OVMA's proposal for legislative recommendations to the ORC (veterinary licensing, veterinary advisory panel, and increased transparency)
- Additional racing committee concerns that were raised by Julie included how to obtain results from the ORC Death Registry
- Julie Ballinger is in the process of drafting a letter to the ORC requesting more transparency in a timely fashion on post-mortem results

Animal Welfare Committee

- Update presented by Liz Shiland
- The Animal Care Guidelines Document that was prepared by the Animal Welfare Subcommittee (Mary Bell, Liz Shiland, Dianne Graham, Sue Leslie, Gayle Ecker, Alison Moore, Brenda Thompson) is being presented to the Equine Welfare Information Group for final approval next week; also discussed will be who will be publishing the document
- Next week a presenter from BC is coming to discuss a certification for equine rescue operations

AGM Awards

- At the AGM two awards will be presented which will be the Honorary Member Award and the Distinguished Life Member award. Julie is to draft and resend out an email with the criteria for each. An email will be sent to the membership listserve prior to the AGM with details about the awards asking for nominations. The email will also ask for nominations for the incoming executive board.
- Julie to draft an email requesting nominations for awards

Other Business – Equine Research

- Presented by Luis Arroyo
- There is concern over the future of equine research for a number of reasons including people retiring, lack of funding, lack of momentum, and economic factors.
- There is concern that we don't have a functioning mechanism to continue soliciting research funds; the power of support from the OAEP would be appreciated. A sustainable way to support equine research is needed.
- Luis Arroyo is to meet with the Dean of OVC and discuss the concerns with decreasing in equine research

Next OAEP Executive Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 12, 2016

Motion to end meeting by Jessica Peatling; motion seconded by Liz Shiland