**SVS Executive Committee Meeting (via zoom)**

**8th July 2020**

President Nick Hart opened the meeting at 20.10

**Present:**  Hazel Rice (HR), Yoav Alony-Gilboa (YA), Heather Stevenson (HS), Amanda Carson (AC), Nick Hart (NH), Moyna Richey (MR), Mark Thompson (MT), Rachel Foster (RF), Tricia Sutton (TS), Phillipa Page (PP)

**1. Apologies:** Clare Phythian, Amy Jennings, Liz Genever, Davinia Hinde

**2. Specific Items:**

**a) Action points from previous confertel (11/6/20)**

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| **Action Point** | **Person Responsible** | **Completed** |
| Contact KC and ask that 1 or 2 FAVS reps attend a future committee meeting | AJ |  |
| Contact SP regarding providing local SVS speakers for AVS farm stream | AJ |  |
| Produce map showing location of sheep vets | AJ/HR | Ongoing |
| Find out how many student members SVS has | HR | Y |
| **General Reminders** |  |  |
| Nominees for awards 2020 |  |  |

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| New JVP/committee members 2020 |  |  |

**b) Autumn Conference**

Following discussion the following points were agreed:

This meeting would be held on a Saturday.

There would be a morning and an evening session of approximately 2.5 hours each.

Flock Health’s (Fiona Lovatt (FL)/PP) zoom meeting facility would be used.

SVS would fund this. PP indicated a cost of £800.

The meeting would be free to SVS members and non-members. This would be a good opportunity to attract new members.

It will be advertised to members via a newsletter (see below) and to others via Flock Health.

Four speakers and a farm walk were proposed.

International speakers would be sought.

Good entertaining presentations rather than very CPD focussed sessions were favoured.

The AGM will follow or precede one of the sessions.

To be confirmed:

Date of meeting: Saturday 19th of September or Saturday 10th October. PP to confirm with FL.

**Action: PP**

Meeting programme: Speaker suggestions to be circulated via email in the next few days.

**Action: All**

NH has a contact on a large sheep farm in Australia that may be suitable for the farm walk. To include vet if possible.

**Action: NH**

Speaker fees: It was suggested that £250 could be offered with this donated to charity if it was declined. Asking pharmaceutical companies to sponsor speakers was a possibility.

HR confirmed that a newsletter mailing would need to go out by the middle of August at the latest. This should include:

Joining/registration instructions.

Draft programme.

AGM agenda.

Copy of OGM minutes.

Copy of accounts.

List of proposed new members.

President’s letter.

Two new committee members are required and nominations should be requested in the newsletter and/or president’s letter. NH is working on confirming a new JVP.

HR also noted that it may be possible to include meeting proceedings in the mailing as they have gone to the printers. They will be black and white to reduce costs. Overseas members get a CD version. MR suggested looking at electronic proceedings in the future.

AC has been working on the constitution and will circulate it for comment.

**Any Other Business**

**a) SVS Antibiotic/Scab advice:**

AC highlighted the need to update SVS antimicrobial policy/best practice guidelines based on the recent work done on antibiotic metaphylaxis/prophylaxis. Sheep scab advice also needs updated and could pull something together with Sian Mitchell quite easily. NH suggested the possibility of CPD on antibiotics or health planning over the winter. AC keen to nail possible webinars in the near future

**b) George Headley prize**

There was agreement to nominate Fiona Lovatt for this award.

**Action: ?**

**Date of next meeting** – to be confirmed

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21.00. (Action point table below.)

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| Suggest speakers for autumn meeting | All |  |
| Confirm suitability of proposed date (19/9/20) | PP |  |
| Approach Australian contact | NH |  |
| Nominate FL for George Headley award | ? |  |
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H. Stevenson

Hon. Secretary