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

**11th June 2020**

President Nick Hart opened the meeting at 20.05

**Present:**  Hazel Rice (HR), Yoav Alony-Gilboa (YA), Heather Stevenson (HS), Amanda Carson (AC), Nick Hart (NH), Amy Jennings (AJ), Moyna Richey (MR), Mark Thompson (MT), Rachel Foster (RF)

**1. Apologies:** Hannah Kenway

**2. Specific Items:**

**a) Action points from previous confertel (19/5/20)**

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| **Action Point** | **Person Responsible** | **Completed** |
| Contact Sara Pedersen and FAVS | AJ | Y |
| Contact Cheltenham hotel with regards to postponing Sept 2020 meeting until May 2021 | HR | **Y** |
| Contact NSA to see if they can provide us with meeting facilities on 19th October in Malvern | HR | Y |
| Draft newsletter | AC | Y |
| Circulate list of past committee members | HR | Y |
| Liaise with Basestation re website | HR |  |
| Contact Matt Colston about letter for Vet Record | NH |  |
| Host OGM zoom meeting | CP | Y |
| **General Reminders** |  |  |
| Nominees for awards 2020 |  |  |

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| New JVP/committee members 2020 |  |  |

**b) AVS and FAVS –**

AVS – AJ had talked to Sara Pedersen (SP). BCVA would like to create a farm stream and suggested that BCVA, SVS, GVS, PVS and possibly FVS provide (and pay the travel/accommodation costs) for a speaker to attend rather than giving a donation. AC wanted to know what the cost to the society would be and NH hoped that people would cover their own time. AJ noted that the meeting moves around so could use local speakers who should promote SVS at the start of their talk. It was agreed that this could be done if BCVA arranges the farm stream. AJ to contact SP again.

**Action: AJ**

FAVS – SP noted that providing a speaker/beer/pizza to each vet school was expensive and that the move by BCVA to webinars as a result of Covid was cost neutral and reached all vet schools in one go. AJ has talked to Katherine Corbett (KC) who is currently FAVS president. FAVS would like a named contact from each professional body and a guaranteed speaker from SVS for each FAVS conference. Both FAVS and AVS are due to be held in Edinburgh in 2021 over consecutive weekends. Other suggestions discussed included whether SVS could host clinical case discussions on Zoom, an option to have a FAVS rep on the SVS committee and support for students to attend SVS conferences. It was noted that the timing of conferences (particularly the autumn one) was not ideal for students. The possibility of a list of practices where students could go to see sheep work was also raised. BCVA are creating a database of practices and DH noted that the information provided includes the percentage of sheep work carried out. AC asked how many student members SVS has – HR will find out. HR confirmed that SVS membership is £35/year for students and for the first three years after graduating. BCVA student members pay a one-off fee of £25; £60 the year after graduating and £95 in year 2. HR commented that the standing order relies on members changing the amount themselves. NH was concerned about the large number of students seeking placements as a result of increased numbers of vet schools. MT commented that it allows practices to pick the best students. It was agreed that representatives from FAVS should attend the next committee meeting for further discussion. AJ to arrange.

**Action: HR, AJ**

**c) Antibiotic prophylaxis document –** This has been sent to Fiona Lovatt.

**d) Map of sheep vets –** HR confirmed that so far 34 members have registered to be on the map. YA suggested printing this in the next newsletter as this may attract others to join once they see that it is up and running. AJ confirmed that she had worked out how to add peoples’ locations to a map.

**Action: AJ/HR**

**e)** **CPD -** AC suggested that we need to make webinars of good quality that can be used by vet schools/students but was not keen to pay Webinarvet £260/webinar. She suggested exploring options with Basestation (website developers) in order to retain ownership of them. HR noted that SVS received a lot of commission initially from the sale of the 2013/14 webinars (approx. £19,000). Now that they are dated this amounts to around £100/year (£246.28 in 2018 and £35.31 in 2019). NH felt that it was complicated as different potential target audiences include vets in practice and students wanting information to get them through their exams, plus a need to attract students into SVS/farm work.

**f)** **Future conferences and SVS finances –** AC suggested that there was a need to discuss what makes a good conference (e.g. location, themes) sometime in the near future. Some make a good profit while others run at a loss. We need to decide what we want them to deliver. CPD sessions in the past have been profitable. NH noted that vet involvement in the sheep pathway may increase the need for training. Currently membership fees don’t fund the running of the society. Originally the research grant was funded using interest on the savings account but this is no longer the case.

**g) BVA policy –** NH advised that documents from the Welfare and slaughter working group and on TB policy were available to read.

**Date of next meeting** – the OGM will be held as a zoom meeting on Monday 22nd June. CP will host.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21.15

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| Contact KC and ask that 1 or 2 FAVS reps attend the next committee meeting | AJ |  |
| Contact SP regarding providing local SVS speakers for AVS farm stream | AJ |  |
| Produce map showing location of sheep vets | AJ/HR |  |
| Find out how many student members SVS has | HR |  |
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H. Stevenson

Hon. Secretary