**SVS Executive Committee Meeting**

**26th March 2020**

President Nick Hart opened the meeting at 20.05

**Present:**  Hazel Rice (HR), Yoav Alony-Gilboa (YA), Heather Stevenson (HS), Tricia Sutton, (TS), Amanda Carson (AC), Nick Hart (NH), Rachel Foster (RF), Amy Jennings (AJ), Moyna Richey (MR), Liz Genever (LG)

**1. Apologies:** None

**2. Specific Items:**

a) **Belfast meeting –** The May 2020 meeting has been cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak. There was general discussion around whether or not to re-book the hotel for a future conference. It cannot be moved to autumn 2020 as a deposit has been paid, the spring 2021 meeting is to be held in Cumbria, and the international meeting is in Spain in autumn 2021. HR will contact the hotel regarding availability for 2022, and speakers will be reimbursed for any travel bookings that cannot be refunded.

**Action: HR**

b) **Webinars –** There was discussion about making SVS webinars free to students during this time. AJ noted that if students are members of BVA then they get free membership of Webinar Vet. She will issue a note to students reminding them of this and HR will add something to the website. It was not clear whether SVS or Webinar Vet has the right to decide whether or not the webinars can be made available free of charge to others. HR to contact them and find out.

**Action: AJ/HR**

c) **Malvern Sheep Event –** This event has not yet been cancelled, but may be postponed until October. Scotsheep has been postponed to 8th July and the Royal Welsh and Highland Show have been cancelled. NH is keen to have a SVS stand at Malvern and MR offered to help.

**Action: NH/MR**

d) **Research Grant –** HR reported that only 1 application has been received so far, but there have been 2 other enquiries. HR will circulate all applications after the 31st March deadline for discussion. A confertel will be arranged if necessary. HR will also contact the previous recipient (Yolanda Corripio-Miyar), who was awarded funding in January 2019, with a view to presenting in September 2020.

**Action: HR**

e) **NADIS –** Ian Gill had been in touch asking to advertise a NADIS promotion (1 week free trial, then annual subscription) on the Yahoo website. After discussion it was decided that it was more appropriate for NADIS to take a stand at Cheltenham, rather than advertising on Yahoo. HR will inform Ian of this decision.

**Action: HR**

f) **BVA and Coronavirus –** AC is dialling into weekly meetings and will raise the potential welfare issues that may arise if shearing is impossible or delayed. There was discussion about whether SVS need to provide members with coronavirus updates but NH felt that there was sufficient information already being generated by RCVS and BVA. HR reminded everyone that she can post useful information on the website, yahoo group and twitter.

**Date of next meeting** – No date was set.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.45

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| **Action Point** | **Person Responsible** | **Completed** |
| Contact hotel re Belfast 2022 | HR | Y |
| Contact webinarvet/inform BVA student members of free access | HR/AJ |  |
| Circulate research grant applications after 31/3 and contact Yolanda | HR |  |
| Arrange SVS stand at Malvern and attend | NG/MR |  |
| Contact Ian Gill re NADIS advertising on Yahoo | HR | Y |
| **General Reminders** |  |  |
| Nominees for awards 2020 |  |  |
| New JVP/committee members 2020 |  |  |

H. Stevenson

Hon. Secretary