

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Sheep Veterinary Society

Teams Meeting

Tuesday 2 March 2023

The meeting convened at 12h00.

Minutes kept by R Reichel

Present: David Wilson, Hazel Rice, Rudolf Reichel, Phillipa Page

Apologies: Rebecca Mearns, Joe Henry, Tricia Sutton

Previous Outstanding Action Points

No	Description	Responsible	Completed?
1	Volunteer to act as conference organiser with PP going forward – committee discussed to get a local member to help with the meetings, HR suggested Kim Hamer or Valentina Busin from Glasgow for the autumn meeting	HR	
2	Ceva have asked us to provide a plan for 2023 for the funding. Continue with the well-established face to face meeting to try and increase. Ceva are keen to include the industry similar to the Kelso and Perth meeting with QMS. LF would like to trial the Vet plus 1 meeting in Yorkshire to get local speakers to join the meeting, plus to offer some online lunchtime seminars	FL	
3	Scottish Agricultural Reform Programme event update, circulate the minutes	DW/AJ	
4	SAGG update – DW to circulate the minutes	DW	
5	Rams' teeth at sales – JH ongoing	JHobbs	

1. Main agenda item was discussion and planning for the SVS spring meeting/conference.
2. Agreed that is to be an online event
3. Suggested programme and topics
International speaker
Farmer for farmer/vet discussion
Pathway session/discussion
OGM
4. Provisional date is Thursday 25 May from 15h00 -20h00 divided in 3 sessions
5. Charging was agreed. Perhaps again £25 for members and £35 for non-members as done at the previous meeting
6. Cost to get a hosted Zoom platform. Previously £120 through Flock Health Plan. **PP will ask Fiona Lovatt if she is able willing to do that again.**
7. Sponsorships were discussed.
8. **Need to think of suitable topics and speakers. Action point for all.**
9. Consider sustainable grazing/rotational grazing and/or local farmer with an arable system.
10. A small honorarium (£150?) can be offered to the speakers, depends on available funding/sponsorship

11. Items for the next newsletter was discussed and HR will forward the template to DW.
12. A query was received if Pathway CPD will be provided. The answer is yes, they can attend this planned conference and further roadshows will follow. Important to get the point across that the 6-month window only starts from when the farmer is approved, not from when they register. There is also a problem to take registrations now and the request from Defra was to refrain from trying to register at the moment. It was then discussed if a mailshot should be sent out or if something should go on the website. Since not all emails are up to date it was decided to add it to the next mail to members, with a link to the website.
13. DW asked if anyone knew if breeding livestock will be included in the Windsor agreement (re NI trade agreement). I.E., will they be able to go through the “green channel” with no scrapie monitoring required?

New Action Points

No	Description	Responsible	Completed?
1	To ask Fiona Lovatt if she is able/willing to provide a Zoom platform for the spring meeting.	PP	
2	Think of suitable topics/speakers for the spring meeting and feed back to PP	All	

End of meeting:

Dave thanked those that attended, and the meeting ended at 12h40