

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Sheep Veterinary Society

Teams Meeting

Thursday, 30th March 2023

The meeting convened at 12h00.

Minutes kept by R Reichel

Present: David Wilson, Jon E Higgins, Heidi Svensgarde, Hazel Rice, Rebecca Mearns, Kevin Harrison, Tricia Sutton, Leanne Forde, Hazel Rice, Rudolf Reichel, Phillipa Page, Mark Thompson

Apologies: Edward Hill, Jonathan Hobbs, Joe Henry, Shona Mouncey

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	Completed?
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	LF	Completed
3	Scottish Agricultural Reform Programme event update, circulate the minutes	DW/AJ	Completed
4	SAGG update – DW to circulate the minutes	DW	Completed
5	Rams' teeth at sales – JH ongoing	J Hobbs	Ongoing
6	To ask Fiona Lovatt if she is able/willing to provide a Zoom platform for the spring meeting.	PP	Completed
7	Think of suitable topics/speakers for the spring meeting and feed back to PP	All	Completed

1. Any VMR review issues where SVS view significantly differs from BVA response?
DW asked if it can be agreed that the SVS approve the BVA response. This was agreed. It was then discussed if there were specific points that SVS would want to add. MT led the discussion on the following points in the BVA response:
Point 3. Discussion if parasiticides need to be POM-V and that there are advantages and disadvantages. It was agreed that adequate training of both veterinarians and SQPs was essential.

Point 14. Strongly agree and re-emphasize the point.

Point 31. Well worded and re-emphasize the point but add the importance of considering the environmental impact of some of the parasiticides.

Point 38. Agree. The RCVS interpretation and guidance is perhaps of greater importance here.

Point 39. Agree

Point 42. Agree that it will have an impact

Point 59. Agree and re-emphasize the point. Meaning of phrases such as “exceptional circumstances” need clarification.

RM suggested that the EMA consultation and the feedback that was given there should be looked at and a similar response given here to be consistent. AP for HR to circulate the EMA consultation.

2. What we should do to change RCVS guidance on under care and clinical assessment.
Members can respond individually or DW suggested members to have a look and email any thoughts to him directly (AP) by tomorrow morning.
3. Spring meeting. PP provided an update and reported the programme is “coming together nicely”.
The regenerative farming topic will fit better for the Autumn meeting in Glasgow.
4. Newsletter. Need to be completed by 14 April. Any items to be sent to DW (AP).
5. Sheep Meet update from LF. CEVA will support 5 meetings with £400 per meeting. Additional funding for online meetings at £100 also available.
6. Vaccine shortage/supply issues. DW received an email from CEVA that Chlamydia vaccine may be in short supply and that farmers are urged to order vaccine early. Orf vaccine (Scabigard) – short term supply problem.
7. Insurance for SVS. TS asked if it can be agreed to move the insurance from Zurich to BVA. This was agreed. TS reminded that all SVS committee members also need to be BVA members.
8. Autumn meeting details. Required by 25th July for related post to go out.
9. Date of next meeting to be confirmed.

Ongoing and New Action Points

No	Description	Responsible	Completed?
1	Rams' teeth at sales – JH ongoing	J Hobbs	Ongoing
2	Circulate the EMA consultation.	HR	Completed
3	RCVS guidance on “under care” and “clinical assessment.” Members can respond individually or DW suggested members to have a look and email any thoughts to him directly by 31 st of March.	All	
4	Newsletter items to be sent to DW ASAP	All	

End of meeting:

Dave thanked those that attended, and the meeting ended at 13h00