

Veterinary History Society
Minutes of the 44th Annual General Meeting

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
62-64 Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 2AF
Thursday 14 November 2013 3.15 pm

Members Present: Tony Andrews, Robin Bone, Carl Boyde, Clare Boulton, John Clewlow, John Cooper, Tim Cox, Gareth Davies, Esther Harper, Vernon Harris, Mike Hinton, John Ishmael, David Jackson, Peter Jackson, Bruce V Jones, Gary Clayton Jones, Teresa Johnston, Peter Lane, Jean Mann, John Moffitt, Ronald Roberts, John Sauvage, John Sutton, Paul Watkins, Abigail Woods.

Apologies for absence: John Broberg, Louise Curth, Roger Ewbank, Andrew Gardiner, David North.

1. Minutes of the 2012 AGM

The minutes of the 2012 AGM which was held on 1st November were agreed and signed; there were no matters arising.

2. Chairman's report

The Chairman reported that the Society held a very successful two day meeting in Edinburgh in July and that the journal continues to thrive. However it would be good if more members felt able to contribute to both. We should also be mindful of encouraging new membership – the WAHVM conference represents one vehicle for doing this.

The Chairman stated that after many years' service Jean Mann is stepping down as Secretary. He thanked her for her work and hoped that she would remain an active member of the Society. Bruce Vivash Jones proposed that Jean be made an honorary member of the Society; this was seconded by the Chairman and agreed by all those present nem con.

The Chairman reported that planning for the WAHVM conference is going well. The Society has been awarded a grant by Wellcome Trust and received sponsorship from RCVS Knowledge. The call for papers will open soon with all Society members receiving a special newsletter about this. Members were encouraged to submit abstracts.

The Chairman also encouraged members to reach out to those outside the profession and make links wherever possible.

The Chairman concluded by thanking John Clewlow for his hard work in editing the Journal.

3. Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer circulated accounts showing income and expenditure for the year ended 31 October 2013. Acceptance of the Report was proposed and seconded and passed unanimously. The Treasurer noted that the Society remains in good financial shape, the deficit showing in the accounts was due to two invoices from 2012 that were received late, without those the year would show a surplus.

The Treasurer reported that the Committee had agreed to offer bursaries to students to attend the WAHVM congress up to a value of £2,000 in total.

Membership remains fairly static at c120 individuals and c40 universities/libraries.

4. Editor's report

The Editor commented that he is always looking for contributions, of any length, for the journal. One member commented that speakers at the meetings should be strongly encouraged to submit the material for inclusion in the journal.

Following a discussion about promoting the Society Gareth Davies agreed to write up the meetings for submission to Veterinary Times and other publications. .

5. Election of Officers and Committee

The current Officers had indicated that they were all willing to stand again. As there had been no proposals for new Officers they were re-elected *en-masse* nem con.

The following Committee members had indicated their willingness to stand again John Broberg, Mike Hinton, Jean Mann, Abigail Woods; they were re-elected *en-masse* nem con.

Two nominations for new committee members had been received:

John Moffitt – proposed by Jean Mann, seconded by John Clewlow
Andrew Gardiner – proposed by Abigail Woods, seconded by Tim Cox

They were elected to the Committee nem con.

6. Any other business

6.1 There were no items of any other business

The meeting closed at 3.55 pm.