

Minutes of ESVC Annual General Meeting ACC Liverpool Friday 13th September 2013

Apologies for absence: K. Schober, Peter Darke

Present: 43 members attended

Approval of the minutes of the 2012 meeting (J. Häggström): Minutes were approved

Membership numbers 2013 (J. Häggström): Slight increase in membership numbers compared with 2012; 317 paying members plus 9 honorary members.

Financial matters (balance and others) (K. Höglund): KH presented the accounts and discussed income and expenditure for 2012/2013. 2011 accounts have been audited and approved by Matthias Schneider and Christophe Amberger. Financial position strong, balance 49,463.68 euro however still have to pay Elsevier fee for JVC which will reduce surplus by approximately 15000 euro. There will also be the added cost of a JVC editorial board meeting in 2013. So expected balance to be in the region of 33,500 euros. Members voted and approved for this balance to be kept in the account. The need to have a surplus in the account was discussed and was agreed that it was important in case a pre-congress meeting was a financial disaster. Two volunteers (Anna Tidholm, Hannah Stevenson) agreed to audit the accounts for 2012. Members voted and accepted these two volunteers.

Update of JVC (M. Borgarelli): MB reported that the JVC is doing very well. There were more than 70,000 downloads in 2013. Special issues were downloaded more frequently. There had been many changes in the editorial board. Daniel Hogan is the new Editor in chief. Anna Tidholm, Chris Orton and John Bonagura are new associate editors. Because of the many changes an editorial board meeting has been scheduled. Many papers still submitted that did not follow the guidelines which slows time to publication. Another special issue planned for 2015 on feline heart disease. Deadline for submitting papers for this issue will be March 2014.

Echolab update (V. Luis-Fuentes): VLF reported that progress on the echolab survey was being made slowly. All ACVIM/ECVIM diplomats to be contacted. Questionnaires to be sent out within the next 6 months. A specific feline questionnaire would also be sent out in the near future. It would be ideal if global recommendations could be made and adhered to.

ECVIM update (V. Luis-Fuentes): VLF reported first ECVIM-Ca cardiology diplomate meeting to be held 14.9.13. The chairs of each of the ECVIM cardiology committees (examination, credentials, speciality) would give reports.

Board members – retiral, president elect and new board members (J. Häggström): JMdelP and VLF have decided to retire from the board. JH thanked them both for their contribution over the years

that they served on the board. NVI is the president elect and will take over this position on the 1/1/2014. There was one nomination for president elect (MB), the members voted and approved his election. There were two nominations for the vacant positions on the board; Simon Swift and Lisbeth Olsen. The members voted and approved the two new board members.

Congress programme for 2014 (Dan Ohad): The congress theme for 2014 is Mitral Valve Disease. The proposed lectures would include surgery, genetics, 3D imaging, mitral valve disease in people.

Prizes for best resident / young investigator abstract/oral presentations : Two prizes given by ESVC for best oral presentations in 2012; 1st prize Mel Hezzell 500 euro, 2nd prize Kieran Borgeat BSAVA Manual. ECVIM gave prize for best poster. The members voted and accepted that the same would be done on an annual basis provided sufficient funds were available.

Taskforce group screening for DCM in Dobermanns update (J. Häggström for G. Wess): There has been considerable interest from breed clubs. A report will be provided at the next meeting.

Working group CKCS DMVD screening update (J. Häggström): A committee (Jens Haggstrom, Simon Swift, Lisbeth Olsen) has been established. A report will be provided at the next meeting.

Russian cardiology society group membership discount (J. Häggström): The Russian cardiology society wish to join as a group and get the JVC. The board proposed that a 5% discount could be given provided all names and contact details were supplied at the same time by the Russian Cardiology Society. Members discussed the benefits this would provide to ESVC and also whether this should be promoted to other veterinary cardiology societies. Members voted and agreed to offer this discounted group membership to the Russian cardiology society.

Brazilian Veterinary Cardiology Society affiliation (J. Häggström): The Brazilian Veterinary Cardiology Society wish to become affiliates of the ESVC. It was proposed that they could be offered a similar arrangement to the Russian cardiology society. It was clarified again that ESVC cannot endorse any meetings held by other societies unless a cardiology diplomate (ECVIM/ACVIM) is on the organising committee.

Reduced membership fee for retired members (J. Häggström): This was discussed and members voted and agreed not to provide any discounts as the fee was not high and the management of any discounts would be very time consuming.

A.O.B.: The *membership of WSAVA* was discussed and members voted and agreed that there was no benefit to continued membership. A *pre- congress day* will be held at the next ECVIM-Ca meeting in Mainz, Germany 3rd September 2014. The theme will be congenital heart disease. AF to be organiser.

Next meeting: Friday 5th September 2014, Mainz, Germany

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