

Minutes of the 7th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 7th September 2013 at 09.30 at The Institute of Education , 20 Bedford Way London WC1H 0AL

1. Apologies received from Prof. John Cooper and Edmund Flach.
2. The minutes of the Sixth annual general meeting held on 13th October 2012 were approved.

3. Honorary President's statement

Tony gave thanks to the outgoing education coordinator, Alex Schock (who was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments) for her sterling work in helping guide the society and its education program over the last four years. On behalf of the BSVP, Tony had organized a presentation of flowers to her workplace to mark the society's appreciation. Thanks were also given to the other council members and also to those of the membership who had helped with regional meetings and also ideas and feedback for how the society could be promoted. In particular Professor Ken Smith of the RVC was thanked for his help with ideas and also promoting the society as part of the ECVP/ ESVP Congress which also hosted this AGM.

4. Honorary Treasurer's report

A summary of the accounts for the year to 30th June 2013 was given and a surplus of £244 was achieved over the last financial year. The breakdown however showed that income from both membership fees and modules was lower than the previous financial year. The fact that membership is now higher than it was last year is explained by a few members joining or rejoining after the end of the financial year. £56 was also accrued from interest and a bank error. Costs for the secretariat were necessarily increased as assistance was needed to 'train' newer members of the council and to assist with the work of council. Costs vs income for the Respiratory module for which it was widely feared would make a loss were analysed to date and showed in fact a small surplus of £536.25. The updating of membership renewal methods for the bank was discussed, it is hoped to allow on line payments using credit cards to make membership renewals easier and more accessible to overseas members. There will be a detailed look at expenses from the Respiratory module to see where reasonable savings can be made, such as following the trend amongst other societies of supplying electronic notes rather than the costs associated with printed notes. Also, with plans to market what we have to offer to other interested societies that it should be possible to continue to increase our membership and also to boost attendance at future meeting

5. **Honorary Secretary's report**

Current membership was 76 out of a total of approximately 159 past and present members. Of which 13 have joined as trainees. Last year was 70 of 149 and had been declining since 2008. A rough break down shows 33 in diagnostic/ surveillance, 9 industry/ tox path, 5 exotic/ zoo path exclusively plus several more in diagnostic which specialise or have an interest and 24 in academia

Annual formats of meetings continue to evolve, both national and local and we would encourage people to get involved where time and finance permits. Local regional meetings are running well particularly in the Bristol area and also in Edinburgh. I ran a regional meeting in East Anglia and this is another area where meetings can run well but I lack a suitable venue from which to run these meetings, however discussion with members at the meeting identified a potential venue/ host and it is hoped to get these meetings running again from the Autumn. The website in it's new format provides a useful portal for those unable to attend the meetings, either local or national although the BSVP does rely on speakers being willing or able to provide suitable material for inclusion on the website. We will look at the use of webinars this year and although this will have a cost it may well allow members to benefit from meetings held at an inconvenient time or location for them

The ESVP has gone over to electronic only with regard to conference notes to help with costs for the meeting. Given the challenges the BSVP has faced over last year providing a top quality program of national meetings this is also proposed for future BSVP meetings.

Thanks to Professor Ken Smith for ideas to promote the society including the opportunity for new members joining at this meeting to benefit from a 20% discount on membership fees.

Discussions at this meeting highlighted that the society's council is quite small which gives little contingency for succession or coping with sudden influxes of work. It was therefore proposed to expand the council with several more ordinary members. Two volunteers came forward at the meeting and the council will look at the constitution and make the appropriate changes to allow this change to council to happen.

5. **Education Coordinators report**

Meetings 2013

All the meetings went well and were well attended

~~Thanks were given~~ Many thanks to Máire and Joe who organised a very interesting meeting in Dublin in June with the key speaker being Jeff Caswell. Despite air traffic control strike and notes not arriving until the last minute, they handled the situation very well. Mycoplasma bovis and bovine TB were the main topics discussed. We ~~also~~ awarded two

bursaries one to Stephen Callahan (pulmonary lipoma in a dog) and Lou Dawson (pulmonary bullae).

The decision was made to work with the ECVP/ESVP in London in September since there are already a lot of pathology meetings happening and we intend to collaborate rather than work against each other.

For the Regional meetings thanks to Lucy and Debra (Bristol) and to Sionagh/Alex (Edinburgh) for a very well organised series of meetings;. ~~They~~ Edinburgh have had a very long summer break due to organisational problems, but the meetings will hopefully restart later this year.
~~Thanks to~~

Meetings in 2014

Liverpool, 12-13th June: Gail Leeming and Lorenzo Ressel are organizing this meeting which will be held at the Foresight Centre, part of University of Liverpool.

It will be a two day meeting with speakers covering new concepts in the biology of neoplasia, virus associated neoplasia, mammary tumours, practical issues in diagnostic pathology and grading systems; with case presentations and discussion.

~~London~~ Royal Veterinary College, Hawkshead, 4th October: Organised by Norelene and Lucy. Partly inspired by the two day meetings held by the RC Pathologists in 2010 on problematic high grade and low grade lesions in histopathology. We aim to have speakers cover those tricky areas (bone, lymph node, eye, skin, forensic aging of lesions). And in particular to have experienced pathologists give their method of tackling cases that don't quite fit the textbooks.

With the new website up and running ~~Report C~~ conferences and regional meetings can now be reported on the website:

~~Interesting Cases:~~ The aim is also to add new/interesting cases regularly and make it a more dynamic and active site to encourage members to visit. ~~This seemed to fall within the role of the education co-ordinator so Lucy volunteered to keep the website supplied.~~ Cases will be open to comment and this will hopefully encourage more interaction amongst members. Hopefully cases will be freely submitted, otherwise labs and institutions will be approached for submissions. Cases could be interesting and well worked up or could be problems where opinion is sought from the membership.

6. Election of Officers for 2013/2014

The posts of Honorary President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer were not due for re-election at this meeting and all were confirmed in position without opposition. Alex Schock was thanked for all her work for the past four years completing two full terms education coordinator. Lucy Oldroyd of Abbey Veterinary Services was nominated as her replacement, having for the first time started in the role as a deputy to Alex and was elected to the role without opposition.

7. Any Other Business

The website. At the last AGM a new website was promised and Richard Fox, also of Abbey Veterinary Services agreed to take over the running of the website and design a new format aiming to give a platform which can be used to the benefit of all members, giving exposure to the meetings that the BSVP organise and a forum for case discussions / sharing within a members only access area and useful information and links for all interested in Veterinary Pathology in an open access area. We are pleased to announce that the website is live and will be evolving regularly but is also a format which will benefit from being used as well as benefitting the user.

The meeting was concluded with thanks to council members, our secretariat, Sue who carries out the bulk of the day to day work of the society and all those who have helped contribute to the meeting as well as all the current members, without who the Society could not exist.

Minutes prepared by Nick Woodger September 2013.