

MAA AGM, Thursday 28th April 2016, 13:00 hrs

Present: V. Davidson, D. Bradshaw, P. Sofley, A. Wells, A. Crosby-Jones, N. Alexander, J. Hastew, H. Snow, J. Lewis, S. Pinkney, J. Leaker, M. Merridan, L. Troman, V. Boyes, C. Warman, B S Boyle, R Thom-Dale, A Blunden, N Collis, A Bruton, J Howe, S Charlton, S Smith, L Bounden, L McGarity, C Moreton, L Brown, C Egell, M Wilkinson, R Smith, L Speaight, S Beves, V Knapp, F Boyd, J Guest, J Selfridge, J Hawkness, C Howson, S Wilkinson, H Connock, C Hicks, R Chandler, R Greenman, N Rossa,

Apologies: Sally Trott, L Cooper, T Townsend, R Andrews, A Wreford-Brown, R O'Brien, Camilla Bennett, Sandra Firth, Katrina Fowler, Danni Paizis, Tim Jarman, Aine Dillon, Helen Eaglestone, Hannah Barnard, Laura Browne, Nina Crocker, Ted McLaughlin, Liz Harris, Polly Godsafe, Harriet Sooper, Jin Langstone, Emma Punt, Danielle Marcus, Nikki Routledge

Minutes from 2015 accepted

Overview from the chair: Thanks to the committee for their hard work

MAA Secretary: 128 MAA members, 82 paid on time 11 paid after the 31-3-16, the new membership fee of £ 140. Of 10 graduates, 8 joint the MAA as full members. We will offer those members who pay on time next year a £10 reduction and members who don't pay on time will be removed from the practitioner search function.

MAA Treasurer : 2015 – £ 22.200 in membership fees resulting from a strong membership, please remember to pay part-payments on time. £ 835 for leaflets and merchandise and £5 increase on interest, adding to a total of £ 23.039. Expenditure : £ 14.239 – BEVA, Animal Rehab Expo. The MAA supports research of our members, in 2016 we are looking forward to be presenting in Europe. PR/Marketing, accountancy.

Note- MAA exhibition boards can be borrowed of the MAA if any members should be looking to represent at an exhibition. Please contact Diane Bradshaw for details.

Overview of action plans for working groups

PR: Holdsworth PR educational and editorials, case studies have been published, magazines and FB Nikki Routledge also offers help with individual PR for members.

Action Lucy Bouden and Anna Blunden to work together for Twitter and FB

A combination of PR tools are being used continuously.

Please share your interesting stories rachael@holdsworthpr.co.uk or nikki.routledge@btinternet.com

Nikki's last year as PR representative; any interest? E Speaight

CPD : (Anna Wells) Good Audit for 2015 only one non-compliance, introduction of 'webinar vets' CPD please refer to website for more info

Research: (Sally Charlton) 2015 we presented 3 abstracts to conferences, planned 3 new ones for 2016 (two of which are accepted already) to international conferences , and more exciting work to come from new students

Events & Industry: Prezi presentation on web-site for download and to be used by members, one conference was cancelled short notice, next conference is BEVA in September

BEVA allied professionals changed their position with regard to which professionals to recommend, in responds the MAA committee send a letter of complaint, no respond as yet, up-dates to follow. Letter was available for members to read.

RMPA Defra; stage 2: See attached document for findings of Stage 1 of the RMPR. Progression through stage 2 is dependent upon communication and actions agreed by ALL interested parties. DEFRA will not be involved in industry discussion. It is up to the industry to present DEFRA with agreed actions. There are 15 organisations actively involved in these discussions. This could be a very extended stage; the RMPR is in essence shaping the industry for future practitioners and will not affect the immediate future.

Committee Positions:

Chair/ Vanessa Davidson Dep Chair/Lila Treasurer D Bradshaw Secretary P Sofley CPD Claire Howsen PR Nikki R, Sally Charlton Research, Alex Crosby-Jones Events & IL

AOB

Admin review : IT security and usage review advised as many members have access to the back door of our website & email etc, due to the ever changing committee/sub committee groups. Plan is to start with 3 sub committee, 1 non committee member to work on social media pages (FB/Twitter); web-site & email passwords are going to be changed. Members advised to contact MAA if they wish to be re-instated or require passwords if they regularly work on something for us that has not been highlighted or recognised.

Good by to Anna Wells thanks you for her hard work

Close 14:00hrs next meeting April 2017