

Veterinary History Society
Minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting
RCVS Belgravia House, London SW1P 2AF
Wednesday 30 November 2011 2.30 pm

Members Present: Pamela Allcock, Robin Bone, Carl Boyde, John Broberg, Clare Boulton, Gary Clayton-Jones, John Clewlow, Tim Cox, Gareth Davies, Andrew Gardiner, Mike Hinton, David Jackson, Peter Jackson, Bruce V Jones, Peter Lane, Alan Laursen-Jones, John McCaig, Jean Mann, Abigail Woods,

Apologies for absence: Twink Allen, Tony Andrews, Bob Bainbridge, Edward Boden , Roger Ewbank, Dick Lane, John Moffitt, David North, John Wilson

1. Minutes of the 2010 AGM

The minutes of the 2010 AGM which was held on 24th November were agreed, there were no matters arising.

2. Chairman's report

The Chairman commented that the programme of the meeting held earlier in the day, together with the quality of the journal, showed that the Society was in good health as it entered its 50th anniversary year. It is hoped to celebrate this anniversary with a two day meeting at the Wellcome on 31st October/1st November 2012.

The Chairman then thanked the committee for their hard work throughout the year. A year which saw a particularly successful meeting at the Royal Agricultural Society of England in June, continued sales of the first Granville Penn Press book, with a second about to go to press and the completion of the work helping to catalogue the pictures and artefacts at the RCVS.

For the future as well as the celebratory anniversary meeting in 2012 the Committee are planning a spring meeting, possibly in Cambridge. We are also in need of budding authors to come forward with manuscripts or ideas for the next Granville Penn Press publication.

The Chairman concluded by paying tribute to Norman Comben, long time Veterinary History Society committee member and stalwart of the Society who passed away in September.

3. Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer circulated accounts showing income and expenditure for the year ended 31 October 2011. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Jean Mann, seconded Clare Boulton and passed unanimously.

Abigail Woods asked whether it would be possible to distribute newsletters and other communications to some members by email. The Treasurer and Secretaries agreed to look into this.

4. Membership

Numbers remain stable; there has been an increase in the number of libraries who subscribe to the journal.

5. Editor's report

The Editor commented that he is always looking for contributions – long or short for the journal and that offers of help to edit articles would be very welcome.

6. 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 relected *en-masse*; proposed by Carl Boyde, Seconded by Gary Clayton–Jones.

Mike Hinton had indicated he was willing to stand for the committee. Proposed by John Clewlow, seconded John Broberg.

Both elections were carried unanimously

7. Any other business

7.1 Peter Jackson asked if it was possible for attendees at meetings to be provided with name badges in future. This was agreed.

7.2 An invitation has been received from the RVC Graduate Association to their meeting in June at the George Inn, Odiham where they will unveil a plaque commemorating the beginnings of veterinary education in Great Britain.

7.3 An email has been received promoting a book on efforts to rescue wildlife in the Kalahari called Kalahari Dream, further details a <http://kalahari-dream.com/>

7.4 The Chairman mentioned the book, recently published, which he has co-authored - *The History of Equine Veterinary Practice in Newmarket, 1831-2011*

The meeting closed at 3.00 pm.