

# ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT VETERINARIANS

## Action Note

Council Teleconference 1630 – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016

### Present

Kate Sharpe	Chair
Linda Smith	
Lévon Stephan	
Fred Landeg	
Rebeca Garcia	
Amada Carson	

### Apologies

Cath McVicar  
Edwina Thirkell  
John Lawrence  
Adrienne Conroy  
Jane Clark

### Council Telecon 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and Matters Arising      Action

The telecon was primarily a discussion on issues to be raised at the BVA Council on 9<sup>th</sup> December. Although **AC** not present at the telecon, **KS** briefed her on AGV lines to take on relevant issues at BVA Council. Following that meeting there had been good feedback on AGV contributions to BVA Council.

### HMRC Application for tax relief on membership subscription

The application required a great deal of work. **FL** hoped to complete the draft application in the next 2 weeks it was felt that the application should be signed by the President and the Treasurer. **FL** would send a draft to **KS**

**FL KS**

### Conference Update

Nigel Gibbens and Robert Huey had agreed to speak at the Conference to be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Conference programme and details of the venue would be published on the AGV website and an email would be sent to AGV members.

### December Newsletter

It was thought by the Council that the newsletter had been well received. It was agreed that a questionnaire should be sent to members to see what they thought of the Newsletter.

**FL**

## **Article for Veterinary Record**

The president had agreed with BVA that AGV would provide an article for the Careers Section of the Veterinary Record. However, VR has recently published an articles from two Senior Veterinary Inspectors working for APHA. **KS** would therefore seek an extension to submission of six weeks. **LS** would supply and article on Government Veterinary Services which might provide background for writing the article

**LSm KS**

## **Application for Membership under new rules**

We have had a membership application from Simon Doherty who is based in Northern Ireland. He is a vet. He is a consultant in Animal Science. He is currently working for UK Trade and Investment and it was agreed he meets eligibility for membership under the new rules.

## **Vet Futures**

BVA had established the Vet Futures action group. It was noted that there was no one on the Action Group with direct knowledge of Government Services. However, Simon Doherty (see above) was a member. The President had been in touch with him and he had responsibility for Government Veterinary Services on the group. She would continue to liaise with him. In addition, Hannah Jordan, BVA policy officer would be speaking on vet futures would be speaking at the joint AGV VPHA conference and hosting a workshop.

## **AGV Accounts for 2015**

The Treasurer had published the Accounts for the calendar year 2015 on the web. They had been examined by Alan MacPhee and Alan Eames. Their input was acknowledged on the web and KS had thanked them by email.

## **AOB**

There were no items of other business.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

To be arranged.

**FL**

**Fred Landeg**

5 February 2016