

## INTERNATIONAL SHEEP VETERINARY ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Second GM Held at the Rotorua Energy Centre At 3.45pm on Friday February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013

- 1) Delegates were welcomed by the President Professor Gareth Bath
- Apologies were received from France and Colombia. All the other 16 countries with voting rights were represented. In addition many delegates attended the GM
- 3) The minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> general meeting held in Stavanger were approved. Proposed by Australia and seconded by Greece.
- 4) Matters arising none.
- 5) Presidents report. Professor Bath opened his report with a plea for a membership drive to move up from our present 18 countries towards the World Veterinary association of 85, [particularly to include more South American countries as well as Asia]. He applauded the regular contact between New Zealand and the committee fine tuning the conference. He congratulated the organising committee in effect organizing two conferences with the cancellation of the proposed venue in Christchurch due to the earthquake.

He announced that awards for contributors would be made as well as life time awards for service to the ISVA; these will stretch back over the 28 years. No current officer would be eligible for such an award. He envisaged other committees to emerge over time such as history, development and awards committees. He was keen to see the website regularly updated and a data base of active countries.

Finally he proposed that a levy of \$10USA would be imposed per delegate attending this and subsequent conferences. This required a change to the

constitution. The change was proposed by Greece and seconded by Norway and carried unanimously

- 6) Secretary's report. Chris Lewis reported that the ISVA now has 18 fully accredited countries as members. He re-iterated the Presidents plea to ask members to try and sign up other notable sheep producing countries. He explained the 3 tier membership.
  - 1) Countries which have hosted an International conference.
  - 2) Countries with a recognized sheep specialist society
  - 3) Countries nominated by their national Veterinary Societies.

A ISVA account has been established with HSBC with an opening £10. It has been a great honour to have been the first secretary of the ISVA.

7) Election of Officers. All the present Officers and committee members had stood down.

Only single nominations had been received for President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer

President: John Smart, New Zealand.

Vice President: Paula Menzies, Canada.

Secretary/Treasurer: Ian Gill, Scotland (UK).

There were 3 nominations for the two committee members.

The two successful candidates were John Larsen, Australia and Martin Ganter, Germany.

- 8) Bids for the 2017 Conference were presented by Canada (Paula Menzies) and England (Sam Mansley).
  - England were successful in their bid to host the next International Conference at Harrogate 15 to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017.
- 9) There being no other business the President declared the meeting closed at 4 25.