

Minutes ESVCE AGM 2019

Date: Tuesday 6th October 2020
Venue: On line meeting - Webinar
Time: 20.00 20.30 hours

Minutes: Christine Halsberghe

Attending: 16 members

9 full members, 6 board members (full members), 1 affiliate members
M Pahissa was excused

1. Welcome from Barbara Schoening and acceptance of proposed agenda:

Accepted with unanimity

2. Minutes of the last AGM in 2019 in Eindhoven

No questions

Accepted with unanimity

3. Board report including the financial report for 2019

These reports were sent by mail to all members with the invitation for this AGM.
No questions.

Simona Normando (Italy) and Angelo Gazzano (Italy) both full members checked the complete bookkeeping and approved it.

Overall activity of the board in 2019, including financial report, was accepted with unanimity

4. Webinars.

We planned webinars for our members and so far have 6 planned (from October 2020 until April 2021). Board decided to pay the presenters a small fee of 300 Euro. Board asked for approval of this decision.

It is a big job to organize the registration. So for this job and also for help on the website, keeping members lists, organising duties and members etc. we need some help from a person outside the board. The board proposed to look for a person who can help with this work, this person will be remunerated. Board also asked for approval of the decision.

Both proposals accepted by unanimity

5. Website.

The new modernised logo for ESVCE was presented. The actual website will be reconstructed. The old website was old fashioned and needs an update. We start to redesign the website and this will be set up in a few weeks.

Comments from the attendees were in favour of the new logo and the draft of the new website

6. ESVCE working groups reports

Shelter group

- The group did finish a document on adoption of a shelter dog. The text needs to be finalized and will be send around. The group is planning to work in cats.
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Medication

- The position statement on the use of acepromazine is ready and will be send with the minutes of the AGM for consent.
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Dogs on law

- The group discussed . However, the update on our group is that, we met, have discussed the questionnaire and ways in which we might source sponsorship for this. At present we are costing the most suitable survey tool. The group will be in touch with the board when we have further information.

7. Rudy De Meester grant

2 persons assigned for the RDM grant in 2020. We can give more information on that point during our AGM in 2021.

Full and associate members in good standing can apply for this grant, they have to present work in clinical ethology. The application form for the RDM grant will be revised in the next months by the board

10. Next AGM

During next ESVCE congress 7th – 9th October 2021 in Ghent Belgium. For the congress in Ghent we're thinking about a Plan B (online congress), should the pandemic situation stay as it is now. We also are investigating the possibility on organizing a hybrid meeting (combination live and virtual)



European Society of Veterinary Clinical Ethology

October 6th 2020,

Barbara Schöning

Christine Halsberghe

Dear Members,

As in every year: with this report, you get the invitation and agenda for our AGM in the year 2020. In general, at the AGM the members have the chance to discuss ESVCE matters in a larger group and set the direction for our organization to move and develop – and members also have to discuss board activity and formally approve the actions of the board for the past year. But this year the AGM will be held differently, as we have no live meeting. In preparation of this year's online-AGM the board will give a short report of what has happened in the year 2019.

For this year actually some board position had stood for election. As we have no proper system to vote online and as the possibility to have an online-AGM is not distinctly mentioned in the constitution, the board decided to abide from voting this year. Instead we will hold an online AGM and use a chat-possibility for discussion. In preparation for the AGM we ask every member who wants to comment on something mentioned in the report (or comment on other ESVCE-relevant points) to send their questions, comments etc. at least 2 weeks beforehand to board@esvce.org.

ESVCE board report for the year 2019

Board meetings

ESVCE board met two times eye-to-eye, once in Paris and then at our annual congress in Eindhoven, with additional regular meetings via email and online. As in former years, one area of board activity 2019 was the preparation of the ESVCE congress in Eindhoven, held in conjunction with ECAWBM and AWSELVA. The meeting was a great success with about 250 delegates from all over the world.

At the end of 2019 board started already with the preparation for the congress planned in 2020 in Gent, which sadly had to be cancelled due to the pandemic situation. The date for the congress 2021 in Gent is not yet fixed as it depends on the agenda of Frans De Waal. It will take place end of September / beginning of October.

FECAVA and attendance of other congresses

Members of the board also attended FECAVA council meeting: Barbara in spring in Zagreb and Goncalo early autumn in Moscow. ESVCE supports FECAVA to great length in the field of training, behaviour and welfare, and continuing education of colleagues in this field. For this year a workshop at the FECAVA congress in Warsaw was planned. The congress is now postponed to March 2021. Chiara Mariti attended the ISAE-congress in Bergen, Norway.

Working groups

The working groups in general were another topic discussed during board meetings. In 2019 feedback from working groups was improving due to the handbook for working groups discussed and voted for at the AGM in 2018. The group "dogs on law" and the "shelter group" informed the board about their progress and that information will be given in the course of 2020 and 2021. The working group on shelters will soon send documents which can be voted for on the AGM 2021. The "medication-group" prepared a position statement on the use of acepromazine, which is attached here with the invitation for the online-AGM. The group of associate ESVCE-members presented the results of their survey in Eindhoven. Discussion on the role of associate members was planned to be held in Gent 2020 but will have to be postponed to 2021.

Expenditure

Office/tax accountant	1,925.84
RDM-grant	637.16
Board meetings and board attendance at meetings/congresses	14,478.67
Website	291.00
Membership FECAVA	400.00
Bank costs /tax	156.81
Total	17,889.48

Gains/loss in 2019:

EUR – 7,831.97

31.12.2019 Balance c/fwd	5,458.56	EUR bank account
	25,000.00	EUR savings account
	1,460.01	EUR paypal account
SUM	31,918.57	EUR

All the bank transactions are supported by documents kept in the **ESCVE** archive.

This was a quick overview about the activities in 2019. We hope to discuss some ESVCE affairs with many of you at our online AGM, held 6th October 2020 at 2000 hours CET

ESVCE board

Barbara Schöning, Goncalo Pereira, Christine Halsberghe, Anneli Muser Leyvraz, Chiara Mariti, Kevin McPeake