

Wildlife Group



South African Veterinary Association

SAVA Wildlife Group

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SAVA WILDLIFE 17H40 ON FRIDAY 6TH MARCH 2020 DRAFT MINUTES

1. WELCOME (Greg Simpson)

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Angela Bruns, Greg Simpson, Erik Verreynne, J Hewlett, G Bauer, David Gerber Katja Koeppel, J.I
Jacobs, P van der Merwe, F.A van Niekerk, A. Beytel, G Bauer, J Jonker, H.M Smith, E
Mitchell, J.A de Klerk Hein Muller Ian Espie Corrie van Aardt Oliver Tatham
Paul Bartels Kresen Pillay Robert Campbell Arnold Kanengim Hendrik Hansen
Nele Sabbe Ryan van Deventer Paul Huber JW Eksteen
Anne Kornejenko Peter Rogers Gerhardus Scheepers Johan Barkhuizen

APOLOGIES: Dr Willem Burger, Pierre Bester

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2019 were circulated. Approved:

Proposed – Gary Bauer. Seconded – Corrie van Aardt

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Greg Simpson)

Membership trends are as follows

2020 Cancellation	6
New members	5
Membership	183
2019 Cancellation	13
New members	4
Membership	198

2018 Membership	229
2017 Membership	221

New members:

New Members (applied after 2019 AGM)

Dr Rob Jackson	Rob Jackson Vet Services	July 2019
Dr Paul Bartels	Wildlife Darting Services	January 2020
Dr Arnold Kanengoni	Johannesburg Zoo Vet. Hospital	January 2020
Dr Marius Hornsveld	University of Pretoria	February 2020
Dr Erin Temblett	Private/Practice	February 2020

Education and marketing :

Conference 2020

Delegates: 113

Talks: 45

Workshops: 0

Trade: 8

Conference 2019

Delegates: 97

Talks: 38

Workshops: 2

Conference 2018

Delegates: 90

Talks: 37

Workshops: 4

Hooo-Hooo

1 edition published in 2020. Change of editor. (2019 – 3 editions). There are 4 planned for 2020.

Immobilization course

Not enough support – postponed or reinvigorated

4. REPRESENTATION AND CURRENT MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH/DEALT WITH

1. Buffalo VPN is ongoing.
2. Dispensing license is solved.
3. Livestock Identification and Traceability System. No input given as for domestic animals.
4. Animal Welfare: Ongoing. Driver:
5. Immobilisation Drug Accidental Exposure Emergency Protocol: Driver – Douw Grobler
Protocol needs to be developed - Kenneth Joubert involved. Human physician has made a proposal. Will be put out to members for comments (See discussion below)

DISCUSSION

SAVA Representation:

Federal council: Greg Simpson is representative.

Education committee: No representative

Welfare committees:

Gary reports on the Welfare committee and he attended the recent meeting. The APAC act is of importance for everyone to take note of. Everyone who coordinates or facilitates sales must be registered. If a vet has a client who wants to sell and a client who wants to buy, the vet facilitates the sale, he is the facilitator.

SAVC: Joe van Heerden and Gary Bauer

Gary reports that the council does not have the capacity to follow up on non-registrees issues reported. Disappointed that there was no follow up. Jo van Heerden was the SAVA rep with council and is now replaced by Brendan Tindall.

Buffalo Control Disease Committee: Gary Bauer, Stuart McKernan

Gary reports that he and Stuart were involved in getting a group together under the AHF. Stuart is not involved any longer. Two issues – one is court case against DAFF. They are now very reluctant to get involved. The second challenge is that there are 6 -7 different groups representing Buffalo owners. They are still not organized as united voice or body that the state could liaise with and be a representative on the bodies. The other problem of the VCGC is that all the member s(Wool industry etc) give a substantial contribution . Buffalo owners do not have a similar plan in this regard. It is a stagnant committee. The drive initially was to try and re-organise the methodology of the testing of Buffalo. The drive then shifted when the VDA was set aside by the court. There is therefore now nothing enforceable by law. Experts were identified in the four diseases who advised on protocol eg new test or methodologies be added or length of interesting period. Jacques is heading this work and this is still ongoing (Jacques not present in meeting)

APEX act - anybody who coordinates, facilitates or initiates the sale of livestock products has to be registered. It is focused on livestock but has implications for wildlife as well. There is no legal guideline wrt movement/testing Discretion still lies with the state vet authority. `NAHF will soon put out a call for a committee similar to NH Committee. VCGC will have a representative. This committee will collate and expedite submissions.

A call will go out from the Buffalo Advisory Committee to industry and associations for nominations/proposals for representation.

Wildlife Ranching SA: Jacques O'Dell: No report

Green Hunting: There was a call for WLG to organise to a workshop on Greenhunting. Council has been asked to revisit the policy on Green Hunting. Rule 10 and Greenhunt was discussed about 10 years ago - the decision after many hours of discussion - point 2 of rule 10 - “must be administered by a veterinary, or vet tech, nurse under supervision” If they want a revision it will be another huge debate - Dave Gerber. Gary Bauer advised Council to approach the Wildlife Group. ***Dave Gerber suggested that a call is made for members who are involved in this, to meet and make proposals that will be put to the group for a vote before submission to council.*** ACCEPTED

Eric Verreyne reminds everyone's that there is a gentlemen's agreement regarding rule 10 and this may compromise this - Greg points out that SAVC asked for input so it cannot be avoided. It was also suggested that it is unethical as it is only for money. Members are encouraged to rather participate than to debate it now.

Kenneth Joubert is to compile a protocol on accidental exposure to immobilisation drugs. Emily Lane suggested that the University will be asking for a recommendation - currently the clinician should mark the site where the dart entered the body of the animal.

Wildlife Forum: Jenny Hewlett will attend in future.

SAVF: Greg Simpson

Require research needs that he profession and regional areas of the country

Sponsors

V-Tech R35 000 Main sponsor

Sponsorships for congresses is down but investment is managed well.

Financially the WLG is still sound. Sponsorship decrease is a sign of times. Investment is growing.

Gary Bauer proposes a special word of thanks to Vtech for continued support; ACCEPTED

Support

Research projects supported

3 Research projects were supported to value of R30 000 each (Dr D Breedt, Dr D Grobler, Dr J Hewlett) – see financial report

Student expansion - 20 attending congress

Future

1. Membership slight decrease
2. Financially sound, yet sponsorship decrease
3. Consistent education
 - o Congress at OP
 - o Hooo-Hooo needs more support
 - Jenny Hewlett reports that there is not enough support for articles. Greg asks if the Hooo Hooo should be supported. Katja comments that she did not get the link. Madaleen: In addition to the list circulated, previous issues were published on the website and App. In addition, the link will now be put out on the Googlegroup and a whatsapp group created
 - o New app
4. Student involvement

5. FINANCIAL REPORT (Angela Bruns)

Financials report and audited statements accepted as tabled (see website)

Membership fees R1 500 - discounted to R1 000 **ACCEPTED**

Was there feedback on complaints of members who does not want to pay SAVA fees. SAVA paid R1,1 million rand to go to constitutional court. Perhaps need to make members aware of the contributions. Eric pointed out that the Vet Association in Botswana is controlled by State vets and SA Vets is fortunate to have the SAVA. No further discussion

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

		<u>2019</u> <u>R</u>	<u>2018</u> <u>R</u>
	<u>Notes</u>		
REVENUE		526 039	417 418
Income	2	394 085	324 443
Interest received		113 807	89 637
Other income		18 147	3 339
EXPENSES		357 260	331 993
Administration/Financial management		86 689	86 452
Admin fees - Momentum investment		5 695	9 909
Audit fees		11 918	11 035
Bad debt		12 090	54 001
Bank charges		3 316	3 557
Committee expenses		19 106	41 803
Donations		1 518	4 984
Early payment discount		46 000	-
Newsletter/Website/CPD		17 842	23 862
Research fund		90 000	75 000
Congress refund - Vetlink		54 622	13 000
Telephone		8 464	8 390
Profit / (Loss) for the year before taxation		168 779	85 425
Taxation		-	-
Profit/(loss) for the year after taxation		168 779	85 425
Accumulated profit/(loss) brought forward		1 613 378	1 527 953
Accumulated profit/(loss) for the year		1 782 157	1 613 378

Proposed: Eric Verreyne

Seconded: Paul Bartels

RESEARCH PROPOSALS ACCEPTED - 3 Proposals were accepted

Set Criteria was used to select recipients from applications

- Southern Ground Hornbill - administration of anaesthetic (Dr Rob Campbell)
- Yellow Mongoose and Rabies vaccination - Student of Dr Katja Koepfel
- Northern White Rhino Project - Dr Morne de la Rey

Wiki

Wildlife contributed R6 700 towards maintaining the platform

Lot of the discussion is taking place on facebook pages.

No one is driving the Wiki. There is already a problem maintaining the Hooo Hooo.

The wildlife googlegroup is also diminishing. Eric suggests that whats up groups are taking over and there is an evolvement because there is a change in needs. It might be a platform to integrate the information and someone has to do it. Emily suggests that a full-time person is needed for it. **DECISION: Everyone gives feedback and indicates interest on the basis of the email with the link – if no reply is received in 2 weeks it will be assumed that no one is interested in continuing it.**

Hooo Hooo: Jenny reports that there are not a lot of contributions. Is it worth keeping the Hooo Hooo? Katja complained that she is not getting a link. It was confirmed that an email was put out and received. Madaleen reports that previously the University addresses is giving issues. ***David suggested that the link be put on whatsapp. Gary Bauer suggested that the WLG email groups switch over to a whatsapp group. People can elect to be on the whatsapp group. DECISION: Move over to Whatsup group accepted.***

6. VOTING OF COMMITTEE

- Chair: Katja Koeppel
- Outgoing Chair: Greg Simpson
- Angela Bruns – Treasurer
- Jenny Hewlett – Member and vice chairman
- David Gerber – Member
- Eric Verreyne – Co Opted committee Member (will be voted on next year)
- Ideally change one person per year. Very well functioning committee currently.
- ***MOTION FROM FLOOR: CONGRATULATIONS ON THE PROFESSIONAL AND WELL RUN COMMITTEE***

7. CONGRESS 2021 – ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATES (Greg Simpson)

Onderstepoort will be a venue with alternative arrangements for accommodation.

8. OTHER MATTERS

Comment from floor: International Students have to be approved by council. Gary pointed out that there was very little comment from the profession on the issue of taking and charging students to observe veterinary wildlife procedures. Suggestion from floor that you have to be registered as an educator with the council to participate in this. Unclear on what criteria is for this? The chairman pointed out that this is the first time that he is made aware of.

DECISION: Robert Treadwell to follow up (write a letter on behalf of the WLG) on this issue and clarify what the requirements actually are. Eric point out that there is indemnity involved. David points out that from the equine group there is also a mentorship initiative - perhaps there must be coordination.

9. CLOSURE OF MEETING

Greg Simpson closed the meeting. Date of next meeting at the next Wildlife Group congress – date to be announced

