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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Melbourne - 2001

The next meeting of the Society will be held in Melbourne in 2001 as part of the AVA Conference with Dr Trevor Faragher as the Local Organiser. This is the first call for papers and those interested should contact Trevor (28 Parlington Street, Canterbury Vic 3126, phone (03) 9882 6412, E-mail faragher@netspace.net.au.

ANNUAL MEETING – Sydney 2000

The Annual Meeting of the Australian Veterinary History Society for 2000 was held at the Veterinary School, University of Sydney on Saturday 6 May. There was a presentation of four papers on veterinary history during the afternoon. These were followed by the Annual General Meeting details of which are given below. In the evening a very pleasant dinner was held in the Vice Chancellor's dining room.

MINUTES OF THE 9TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN VETERINARY HISTORY SOCIETY: SYDNEY MAY 6 2000 at 5:00 pm

PRESENT

Bob Taylor; Len Hart; Paul Canfield; Rhonda Canfield; John Fisher; John Holt; Mary Holt; Keith Baker; Rosalyn Baker; Peter Mylrea; Margaret Mylrea; Doug Johns; Chris Bunn; John Holder

APOLOGIES

Dick Roe; Bill Pryor; Max Barry; Keith Hughes; Harry Bruhl; Geoff Kenny; Bruce Eastick; Owen Johnston; Kevin Haughey; Bill Gee; Chas Sloan

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Accepted as read on the motion of P Mylrea/ R Taylor

BUSINESS ARISING

Raised during other business

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I have very much pleasure in presenting my second presidential report to this annual meeting of the Australian Veterinary Historical Society. This time last year we ran a successful conference in Canberra with a programme of five speakers followed by a well-attended dinner that evening. The following morning a visitation to the Australian War Museum was arranged, which included a guided tour featuring the involvement of the horse in the First World War.

Again many thanks to Dr. Peter Mylrea who continues to edit our Australian Veterinary History Record. This is an important forum for the publication of articles of veterinary historical interest and hopefully he will undertake to continue in this role. Also our librarian, Dick Roe should be thanked for his continuing role in looking after our library. This year had its special problems, following the sale of AVA House in Canberra and arrangements had to be made to store our library until the AVA has a more permanent home. Our historical collection also had to be moved and at present some of it is displayed in two showcases in AVA headquarters in Canberra. Also some of our historical portraits are now hung at AVA house, Sydney. Not being privy to any further developments in Canberra, we await further decisions.

Again the decision was made in Canberra because of distance, not to hold our annual conference conjointly with the AVA conference in Perth, but to hold it in Sydney in

May 2000. Next year the AVA conference will be held in Melbourne and I suggest that we plan our 2001 conference to synchronise with the AVA conference in that city. Further I suggest that our Melbourne colleagues be asked to arrange our conference programme.

Last year in Canberra it was suggested that the veterinary profession's contribution to the pastoral industries should be suitably acknowledged in the Longreach Stockman's Hall of Fame. I followed that up with a visitation to that institution and found the CEO, Mr Peter Edwards was receptive to this concept. The AVA have now undertaken to follow up this initial contact and to provide funding for a suitable display. It is not moving, as quickly as I would like but hopefully a decision will be made by the end of this month.

Last year I mentioned my interest in initiating a program of recording veterinary oral history. Suitable recording equipment has now been purchased and Dr Peter Mylrea has undertaken the first steps in its use. May I remind any other members interested in this subject can borrow this equipment by contacting me.

It is pleasing to know some acknowledgment has now been given to the significance of veterinary history in the undergraduate course at Sydney University. Recently Dr. Ron Hyne gave a presentation to first year students on the history of the veterinary profession's contribution to the welfare of Australia. This was given as part the innovative personal development steam, which will feature in every year of the undergraduate course.

Finally I wish to thank our secretary/treasurer Dr. Chris Bun for attending so assiduously to the affairs of our Society and to thank you all for attending this meeting, showing your interest and support for our Society and the speakers for their

presentations. With your encouragement we can look forward to a successful year 2000/2001.

Dr. Keith Baker
President

Discussion arose on the need for more members of the profession to be aware of the society. Suggestions were to put more material into the Australian Veterinary Journal, to use Divisional newsletters more; to send the History record to all four veterinary schools. Archival material is being placed onto the internet.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The society currently has 109 members a reduction of 2 from last year.

We regret the recent passing of Sandy Sutherland in October. An obituary was published in the January AVJ

TREASURER'S REPORT

The society has two accounts an operational account with the ANZ and an investment account with the AVA. The two accounts have been combined in the attached Balance sheet and Profit and Loss Statement. As at the end of March we had \$4963 in the investment account (at 4.4%) and \$795 in the current account.

During 1999 we made a loss of \$709.55, although included was the purchase of recording equipment, which has an asset value. The books and records have not been audited for this financial year.

The society continues to be in a strong position. This is particularly from the profits accrued from involvement at AVA conferences.

Overall the society has funds as at December 31 of \$5055.83.

BALANCE SHEET AS OF 31/12/99 AUSTRALIAN
VETERINARY HISTORY SOCIETY

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts AVHS	796.09
AVHS Investment-deposits with AVA	4,259.74
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$5,055.83
 TOTAL ASSETS	 \$5,055.83

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

LIABILITIES	0.00
EQUITY	\$5,055.83
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	 \$5,055.83

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT 1/1/99 THROUGH
31/12/99

INCOME/EXPENSE

INCOME

Conference	126.05
Interest	160.64
Subscriptions	650.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$684.59

EXPENSES

Annual subs	41.24
Bank charges-Bank charges, fees	28.00
deposit	100.00
equipment	284.65
library	41.40
Postage	371.15
Printing	510.00
Stationery	9.50
Taxes	8.20
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,394.14

TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE (\$709.55)

A query arose about the discrepancy between membership subscriptions and membership numbers. The treasurer explained that part of this is due the society have a number of life members.

Action: To check with the AVA if all members are being asked to pay the annual subscription.

The treasurer's report was accepted Moved Bob Taylor/
seconded John Holder

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The Association's historical library now contains over 800 books.

An interesting addition to the library in the past year was *The Shepherd's Guide*, a facsimile reproduction of a book by James Hogg first published in 1807, which was given to the Australian Veterinary Association by the President of the British Veterinary Association at the AVA conference in Hobart in May 1999. Books were also donated to the library during the year by Dr R W Gee, Prof I W Beveridge and the estate of Dr Vic Cole.

During the year Bob Taylor has sorted out the books previously held in the Historical Collection. These are being checked against the historical library's holdings and, where appropriate, books that are not already in the library are being catalogued and added to the library. A list of duplicate books will be circulated to provide members of the Australian Veterinary History Society with an opportunity to acquire these before they are otherwise disposed of.

AVA House in Canberra was sold during 1999 and the AVA moved into rented accommodation. The compactus and historical library collection were moved into a lock-up storage unit, as the rented office does not have room to house the library. However, the collection is still accessible. Members wishing to borrow books from the library can contact the Honorary Librarian by phone (02) 6251 3488, fax (02) 62519219 or e-mail dick.roe@dynamite.com.au

EDITOR'S REPORT

Three issues of the Record were published during 1999, each of about 20 pages in length. The editor is always looking for articles, including material from the talks given at this general meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following officers were elected:

President:	Keith Baker
Secretary/Treasurer	Chris Bunn
Editor	Peter Mylrea
Librarian	Dick Roe
Committee	

Patricia Mcwhirter
 John Fisher
 Paul Canfield
 Trevor Faragher

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Moved by the treasurer and seconded by Peter Mylrea that the subscription for the following year be \$11 (allowing \$1 for the GST). Passed
2. After brief discussion the location for the next meeting was to be Melbourne with a one day meeting to coincide with the annual AVA conference.
3. The secretary tabled a letter he had received from the World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine seeking support for the production of an International Dictionary of Veterinary Biography. As a start they have proposed that each veterinary history society produces in the year 2000 ten biographies. A small group consisting of the President, Secretary, Bob Taylor and John Holt was formed to consider the request further.
4. John Holt proposed the society provide a \$500 student prize for an essay encompassing a

