

1. Opening:

All members were present and on time.

Chair: Tasmyn Gouws

Treasurer: Danelle Lederle

Secretary: Jana Hager

Education: Sian Johnston

Marketing: Jess Evans

Meeting started at 19:06

2. Apologies:

No apologies.

3. Approval of last meetings minutes:

All approved of previous meeting minutes.

4. Agenda:

- a. Resignation of 2 committee members- could a resolution be found regarding reasons for their resignation.
- b. Current Position of Authorised Veterinary Physiotherapists within the field - representation thereof.
- c. Nominations for new committee member.

5. Recent Resignations

- a. Resignations of committee members was considered to be unfortunate amongst all the committee members. Reasons for resignation were discussed and whether Ansis' concerns could be addressed and reconciled within the committee.
- b. Ansis' position regarding her resignation remained even after a personal discussion with some committee members and attempts to resolve her position on particular points within her resignation e-mail. The point was raised that matters surrounding her resignation could still be addressed within the committee.
- c. Both resignations were received.
- d. Further discussions on the position for a separate portfolio for an authorised veterinary physiotherapist to deal with matters pertaining to authorised veterinary physiotherapists alone was considered. The purpose of the role was considered to vague as most committee members have dealt with queries regarding matters associated with authorised veterinary physiotherapists.
- e. If committee members are not sure about specific queries, the committee can consult one another regarding correct information.
- f. The committees' position regarding the potential for segregation within the field if a separate portfolio was created, was agreed upon by all members and it would be counter-institutive towards the goal of unity within the profession.

6. Current position of Authorised veterinary Physiotherapists within the field-representation thereof:

- a. The committee discussed whether the needs and concerns of Authorised Veterinary Physiotherapists were being considered and addressed and whether fair representation was put forward to members regarding their concerns.
- b. Jess and Sian felt that their needs were being met and concerns regarding topics like the Jurisprudence exam, etc. were being approached in a timely and respectful fashion by committee members in spite of time constraints due to work and other responsibilities. It was considered that processes regarding jurisprudence exams and practical exams take time and this may have been cause for frustration within the committee members that have resigned.
- c. Discussions regarding the history of promulgation of the field was held from both Authorised and Veterinary Physiotherapy perspectives.
- d. Sian discussed her findings with her thesis and the process of registration with SAVC. Multiple stake holders involved in the process, like vet nurses, human physiotherapists working within the field after post-grad studies and Equine-librium graduates.
- e. The current understanding of Equine-Librium graduates and their registration with SAVC was raised. As many authorised veterinary physiotherapists felt that the initial discussion with the working group as per consideration for sub-categories (like hydrotherapy) etc. was no longer part of the registration process.
- f. The point was made that regulation through SAVC is required, but a tiered system for registration under sub-categories could be considered in the future.
- g. Current concerns regarding Day 1 skills and accessibility for material and preparation of SAVC exams was raised. How will the committee assist in accessibility of material?
- h. Tasmyn discussed the accreditation and promulgation process of Equine-Librium College. A long and delayed process due to challenges with different stake holders within the field. Court cases delayed the process of registration. Discussions regarding the process of accreditation was held and how graduates pre-2022 would need to go about RPL (recognition of prior learning) courses to be able to receive degrees for BSc Veterinary Physiotherapy.
- i. The views of some committee members regarding SAVC registration and their stand point on the process of registration, was that it should be approached by individual entities that offer courses within the field. Entities that offer courses within the field should work in conjunction with SAVC regarding curriculum and standards for registration should be complied with and adjusted accordingly for regulation thereof.
- j. It was discussed that any entity wishing to register with SAVC can approach them for registration of their course -current constraints may include-
 - i) Cost of registration
 - ii) Accreditation process with Department of Higher Education
 - iii) Consultants regarding improvement of curriculum material
- k. Initial working group disbanded, the feeling around this that the goals for the working group have not been met and what role, if any, does SAAPRA play regarding this matter.

- I. The goal of the meeting was to reach an understanding of the current environment within the field and what role SAAPRA plays in this. It was further discussed that the committee feel that SAVC may have made up their mind regarding the registration process and how we would be able to assist in the future.

7. Nominations for new committee member.

- a) It was agreed that a new committee member would need to be instated.
- b) It was discussed that nominations would be opened for voting for a new committee member and position's will be discussed and reshuffled if required.

Meeting ended 20:33.

