

Veterinary Wound Healing Association

"Advancing knowledge of veterinary wound healing"

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**Minutes for the 2022 AGM of the Veterinary Wound Healing Association held
in Paris France, 24th May 2022**

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1. Apologies for absence: Mirja Nolff and Vincenzo Miragliotta
2. Minutes of the 2021 AGM
Minutes of the 2021 AGM were made available to members over 2021-2022 via a dedicated section within the VWHA website.
3. Matters arising from the minutes 2021
None
4. Correspondence
None
5. President's report
2021
2021 was still in the grip of the Covid 19 pandemic. The VWHA conference with the programme of London 2020 was intended to move to the next EWMA congress of April 14-16th. However, also this congress was further postponed to July 7-9th, in the hope that vaccination would improve the situation of the pandemic. However, 7-9 July appeared to be exactly the same dates as the ECVS congress. Both VWHA and ECVS target similar audience, speakers, and several council members had obligations for ECVS (which is seen as more important by universities). We explained the issue to EWMA and they understood that we better had to withdraw because of the major competition between ECVS and VWHA and chance on failure, irrespective whether the conferences would be live or virtual. In the end, also the congress in July was further postponed to February 2-3rd 2021

As alternative for the conference we organized a webinar, 29th June 2021 with the theme "Viability of skin flaps", given by professor Dean Hendrickson from Colorado University.

The positive point of Covid has been that we have had several nice council meetings by Zoom, which facilitated the communication in the council! And that webinars could easily be organized!

2022

The situation around Covid 19 became critical again December 2021 and January 2022 and the EWMA congress was again postponed to 23-25th May 2022. This seemed to be a very good choice, as the Covid situation improved quickly. Finally, after 2 years we will present our programme with the theme "Wound and surgical site infections in the modern veterinary clinic: prevention and treatment". Additionally, VWHA will celebrate her 25th anniversary and the founding council is invited to speak about the changes in their field in the past 25 years. We have a well filled short communication session with very interesting subjects and several new concepts on topical antimicrobial treatment, and we run our first Equine Wound Centre session. Hopefully the latter will help to spread our VWHA aims!

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6. **Treasurer's report**

| INCOME | | | COSTS | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Balance May 2021 | 14.382,01 € | | Homepage & Web Hosting | -232,93 € |
| Membership dues 2021/2022 | 220,00 € | | Bank costs | -175,10 € |
| Sponsoring | 3.800,00 € | | Council Reimbursements | -1.080,00 € |
| Webinar Registrations | 110,00 € | | Transfer to new account | -10.000,00 € |
| Transfer to new PayPal | 10.000,00 € | | | |
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| SUM | 28.512,01 € | | SUM | -11.488,03 € |
| Total balance | 17.023,98 € | | | |

7. **Election of council members and replacement of officers**

2022: Stine Jacobsen's term as general council member is over. She does not want to be reelected. A voting will be held.

Cathrine T Fjordbakk elected

2022: Mirja Nolff's term as general council member is over. She does allow reelection. A voting will be held.

Reelected

8. **Scientific meeting/ courses 2022-2023**

- VWHA conference during EWMA 3-5 May 2023 Milan Italy
- Practical courses to be decided

9. **Issues to be discussed**

None

10. **Any Other Business.**

None

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