

**JOHANNESBURG BRANCH**  
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SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY ASSOCIATION  
SUID-AFRIKAANSE VETERINERE VERENIGING



**COMBINED CHAIRMAN'S, SECRETARY'S & TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE JHB SAVA BRANCH  
FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2022**

- As we reach the middle of 2022, we all know someone who has had covid, or most of us have had it ourselves. We all know someone close, or of someone, who has succumbed to this disease, and I offer my condolences to all concerned. Furthermore, we all most likely know of a colleague affected by the devastating floods in KZN. I continue to pray for hope and for peace for our members and for our country during these trying times.
- I also wish to comment on the economic hardship that some of our members are going through. Combined with the lack of employable Vets available [as many have attested to] times are certainly tough for some, and I cannot even try to imagine how unbearable things can be. I encourage our members to be aware of our colleagues going through hard times, when it comes to interacting with mutual clients, and when it comes to our monthly meetings. Although the local branches do not have the necessary structures, national SAVA have programs to assist members battling with these issues. Ours is, sadly, still listed as a top suicide profession the world over.
- Our Branch exists primarily for its members, as an extension of National SAVA. Unlike other Branches and Groups, we still focus on monthly CPD meetings rather than a regular congress. To this end, the committee has been hard at work organising a mix of online and in-person events. We have engaged with Industry to gauge their preference for webinar vs in-person preference, and we aim to do what is best for all concerned. We pride ourselves on getting quality speakers and Industry is very keen to sponsor our events. In fact, we already have sponsors and speakers listed for the first few events next year. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest gratitude to all the committee for their support, and specifically for their roles in: Chris Kilian for ensuring CPD allocation takes place and for proofing email adverts; Jennifer Charsley for liaison with the JHB Country Club for in-person events; Robyn Moll for her secretarial work; Deidre Kempis for arranging the sponsors; and Kurt de Cramer for arranging the speakers. In fact, every committee member helps wherever they can. As JHB Branch Members, you can be very glad this committee has the dedication they display. Without them, the workings of the Branch would not be as smooth.
- I trust that each CPD evening that the committee has arranged for you, the members, has brought you information that is exciting and helpful to your Veterinary journeys. We strive to remain unique and apart from the other SAVA Branches, especially since there are so many webinar evenings taking place.
- I do encourage all members to positively interact with the speakers and sponsors when you come across them in your day-to-day Practice life. Industry, and the speakers, have all been most accommodating in their willingness to participate in our monthly events.
- We continue to be unique in the prizes on offer: monthly lucky draw prizes, annual best speaker prizes, luck draw prize for one member who voted for the best speaker, and the biennial SAVA Congress prize. Dr Jeremy McKenna was selected at the May in-person event as the winner of the SAVA Congress prize. He will be attending the congress with a fully paid registration by the Branch.

- I would also like to thank all the staff at Vetlink for managing our monthly CPD events in terms of both marketing of the events, handling RSVP numbers for in-person events, registering of CPD points with SAVC and running the online platforms for the webinars.
- Branch membership numbers is always something that we continue to struggle with, and I can only ask that each and every one of you, especially those that are Practice principles, encourage your Veterinary staff to join SAVA and the Johannesburg Branch. In my Practice, we pay our associate Vets' annual subscriptions as part of their remuneration package. It does pay to be associated and please help keep the Branch alive and growing. We do offer a reduced new graduate membership fee. (See below for current branch numbers)
- Our communication with Vethouse continues with 2 FedCo meetings per year and we continue to utilize the bookkeeping function of SAVA to invoice and collect branch membership fees. I remind each member that does not receive their monthly sms and email notifications to contact the branch secretary to ensure we have your correct details on file.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2021 TO 31 DECEMBER 2021**

- The finances of the Branch remain stable, and we are able to cover all necessary costs.
- The committee will meet towards the end of the year to discuss the budget for 2022. Please do not hesitate to send us your input.
- The committee will consider a charity donation again this year. If any member suggests a charity to donate to, please contact the committee. We are considering finding some manner in which we can give a donation to a needy / worthy student at OP.
- The branch continues to sponsor a Veterinary Business Management Prize for the top Onderstepoort Student Group in this category.
- An Excel spreadsheet is available for any members who wish to peruse the breakdown of income and expenditure.
- *Please see below the income and expenditure detail for the above mentioned period.*

Thank you  
Colin van Rensburg [Acting Chairman]

### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE AS AT 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

Total paid up members for 2021: 115  
Members invoiced: 122  
Honorary members: 24  
New Members in 2020: 10  
Resignations in 2020: 5

### **INCOME AS PER BANK STATEMENTS: (1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021)**

Income from Member's fees for the period: \_\_\_\_\_ R100,760.00

Income from Sponsorship fees for the period: \_\_\_\_\_ R94,000.00

Income from Interest received for the period: \_\_\_\_\_ R4,306.43

Income from Pretoria Branch for this period: \_\_\_\_\_ R4,800.00

**TOTAL INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: \_\_\_\_\_ R203,866.43**

EXPENDITURE AS PER BANK STATEMENTS:

Bank charges for the period: \_\_\_\_\_ R0

Venue hire for the period (includes catering): \_\_\_\_\_ R0

VETLINK costs: \_\_\_\_\_ R77,481.56

Committee meeting expenses for the period: \_\_\_\_\_ R0

Speaker costs for the period: (incl. UP Entrprises \_\_\_\_\_ R34,214.45

Soccer Day Expenses for the period: \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

Prizes [SAVA & Other] \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ R20,316.00

SAVA Admin fees for the period: \_\_\_\_\_ R0

Donations for the period: \_\_\_\_\_ R30,000.00 [CVC]

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD: \_\_\_\_\_ R162,012.01**

**BANK BALANCE AT 1st JANUARY 2021= R378,279.99**  
**BANK BALANCE AT 31st DECEMBER 2021 = R420,131.21**

An excel spreadsheet is available for any members who wish to see more detail of this breakdown.