**Ross University Veterinary Alumni Association Action Committee**

**Meeting Agenda**

**April 3, 2023**

**Zoom meeting**

**A quorum being present, the AAC Meeting was called to order at 8:05 pm.**

**Members Present:** Mark Salemi, Mickey Axelband, Brian Husbands, Nisha Sanathara, Kimberly Riker, Dianne Rey, Nejla Azima, Alexandra Quarti

**Members absent:** JP Carew

**Guests preset:** Erik Peterson

1. **Approval of minutes:** 13 March 2023

-1st Brian 2nd  Dianne

1. **President’s report**: Nothing to report.

3. **Committee Reports:**

***Events and Chapters Committee:*** Mickey, JP, Dianne Mickey is chair.

Update of alumni events:

-**Funky Brewery** in Ft. Lauderdale April 23, 2023, at 2-5 pm budgeted for 25-30 attendees with food and drink. Sponsorship by Heartland.

-Ross to market and advertise the event country wide via e-mail and social media.

-**Everglades excursion** Plans are in the works with for early June and sponsorship committed by Idexx Laboratories, waiting to see how Funky Brewery event goes.

-**NYC Vet Show** in NYC at Jacob Javits Center November 8-9, 2023, Mark Salemi to contact organizers of the event to get Ross involved and have a local alumni event.

***Leadership Committee:*** Mark, Alex, Kim Alex is chair.

Erik to find out more how mentor/mentee matches were made with the mentorship program and has a scheduled meeting in the coming weeks to discuss the platform further.

To date there are 68 matches made

The platform for the mentorship program is to be discussed because it is a required Adtalem platform and Ross is one part of the program. Many mentor/mentee communication is still not utilizing the platform and using e-mails, instant messaging, texts, etc.

The Leadership committee will meet up separately and discuss further plans for 2023 once the details are cleared up.

***Engagement and Awards Committee:*** Nejla, Brian, Nisha Nisha is chair

-Moses’ award, Erik to cover it.

-Scholarship applications review are in progress and were sent to people that signed up again.

-Social media templates need to be renewed and further discussions/contact with the Ross social media team need to be made, but they/it remain to be not easily contacted or engaged.

The AAC consensus is that social media is not being made a priority with the school and that Ross must do a better job because it is one of the most important ways to engage the alumni.

4. **New Business:**

Graduation date is set for Friday May 19th at 6 pm at the Watsco Center

Travel dates Thursday the 18th and Saturday the 20th.

The AAC members be utilized at the Registration area and will be part of the ceremony on stage. The AAC blazers and shirts will be supplied at the event.

Graduation attendance:

Accepted: Mark, JP, Mickey, Nisha, Alex, Nejla

Declined: Brian, Dianne and Kim will attend via remote Teams Meeting by Alex.

The AAC meeting with Dean Callanan will be Friday May 19th sometime in the 12-2 pm scheduled meeting time. The AAC will review and update the By-Laws while waiting for the Dean to show up.

5. **Old business:**

All the agendas and minutes are listed and up to date on the Ross Alumni website.

Erik and Mark still to engage Ross Facebook admin to be reinstated and no longer be banned from Rossie Vet Page.

Admin group: Harvey Atherton, Christine Bunner-thomas, Scott Gaydos,

Lori Arrison-mathews and Gary Rider

Social media and email will be the way all communications will be done in the future. Newsletters and magazines will no longer be printed and will be delivered electronically moving forward.

6. **Next Meeting:**

May 19, 2023 at graduation weekend, 12-2 pm via Teams meetings to be set up by Alex

Things to be discussed, Dr. Cllanan concerns and questions from us, Bylaw review.

7. Adjournment: 9:00 pm

At Adjournment Mickey stated that he did not have everyone’s contact info. Mark requested all AAC members e-mail him their phone and e-mail contact info for him to distribute to the entire AAC.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexandra Quarti

Secretary