The 35th General Body Meeting of ISVM was convened on February 23, 2017 at 04:15 pm under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.N.S. Randhawa, President, ISVM in the Conference Hall at Veterinary College & Research Institute, Tirunelveli. A total 118 life members of the ISVM participated in the said General Body Meeting. As the quorum was not complete, it was adjourned and again reconvened and held at 04:35 pm as per clause no. 2.7.1, chapter 2 of constitution and by-laws of the ISVM, to discuss various agenda items of the General Body Meeting of the Society.

Dr. S.N.S. Randhawa, President, ISVM chaired the meeting. Dr. D.S.Nauriyal, Vice-President, Dr. S. Dey, Editor-IJVM, Dr. K.Vijay Kumar and Dr. Pooja Dixit, Members of the Editorial Board-IJVM, Dr. Ashok Kumar, Regional Secretary (Central Region) and Dr. R. Ramprabhu, Organizing Secretary-cum-Professor & Head, Vety. Medicine shared the dais. Dr. S. Prathaban, Professor-cum-Director (CAFT), TANUVAS(Chennai), as Patron of the Organizing Committee, was special invitee to share the dais.

A. Address by the President ISVM: The President, ISVM, Dr Randhawa welcomed the esteemed life members gathered for the General Body Meeting and congratulated the ISVM Award winners. The house joined him in greeting the award winners. The President also congratulated organizing committee of the 34th Annual Convention for successful conduct of the scientific event. He informed that the proceedings of the GBM held during ISVM Conference -2015 at Pookode (Kerala) and ISVM Conference - 2016 at GADVASU, Ludhiana had been posted on the website of ISVM. He apprised the members that besides not having attended the ISVM Conference – 2016 at GADVASU, Ludhiana and ISVM Conference -2017 at Tirunelveli, the General Secretary has spared no efforts in paralyzing the normal functioning of the society by being absolutely unresponsive to letters/messages sent by post, emails and telephonic communications during the last two years. Interestingly, the life membership certificates signed one year ago by the President were reportedly not received by many as yet. Since General Secretary has not attended the 34th ISVM Convention Ludhiana and as well as 35th ISVM conference at Tirunelveli, the President presented the action taken report of the decisions taken during the last GBM held on February 19, 2016 at College of Veterinary Science, GADVASU, Ludhiana and narrated the salient achievements of the society. Dr. R.G. Jani, Joint General Secretary ISVM (who was officiating as General Secretary during 34th ISVM Conference held at Ludhiana and who had circulated the Proceeding(s)) did not attend the Triunelveli conference.

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Since the Treasurer and General Secretary have not attended the 34th ISVM Convention held at Ludhiana and also 35th ISVM Convention at Tirunelveli, the financial status of the society for the last four years is not known to the Executive Committee of ISVM and also to the esteemed life members. The life members have expressed their serious concerns over the handling of the society.

B. Dr. Ramprabhu, Organizing Secretary, 35th ISVM Conference-2017 explained the difficulties faced in organization of a national level event due to non-cooperative attitude of the General Secretary as well as Treasurer. He narrated the instances of his having not received any help / support from the General Secretary and Treasurer. He also informed the esteemed life members that after receiving permission from VC, TANUVAS for conducting the convention at Tirunelveli and later confirmation letter from the President, ISVM, he had requested the General Secretary to get the communication addresses of the life members. After three months, he received response from the General Secretary saying that details were being updated. However, he never received the required information. He also added that he had sent a list of 31 aspiring life members from VCRI, Tirunelveli along with the life membership fee and sent a DD for Rs 62,000 long before (June, 2016) to the General Secretary but in spite of several reminders, the General Secretary as well as Treasurer have not even sent the receipt for the said amount let alone sending the certificates to the new life members. Dr Ramprabhu also told that an additional 15 aspirants have already submitted their applications with fee (Rs.30,000/-) for enrolling them as life members, however, in the absence of a functional secretariat, the Demand Draft could not be sent. Dr Ramprabhu also told that it was communicated to him by some of the aspiring life members that when they contacted the General Secretary for sending money for their enrollment as life members, the General Secretary told them that since the ISVM Accounts had been closed they could not be made life members.

The President, few of the Executive Committee members and senior life members informed the house that a several new aspirants have requested the ISVM Secretariat the last one year for their enrollment as life members of the society but have not received satisfactory/convincing reply.

C. During the General Body Meeting, Dr. B. K. Bansal, Organizing Secretary 34th ISVM Conference-2016 said that before Ludhiana convention, he wrote letters to the General Secretary with copies to all executive committee members of ISVM as well as senior founder members but never got any response. He added that since there was no PAN card for ISVM account, so he got a new PAN card made and opened a bank account to organize the conference. He further added that even though the conference was successfully organized, the General Secretary was finding faults rather than appreciating and asked the members to strongly condemn the non-functional, non-responsive and erring role of the office of ISVM Secretariat.

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D. Dr. K. Vijay Kumar, Member of the Editorial Board(IJVM) said it is a shameful scenario considering particularly the embarrassment caused to the society due to the response from General Secretary for not releasing money to the firm responsible for maintaining the website. He added that he has been managing the website with lot of difficulties and with minimum expenses and that the website registration fee for ISVM website will expire on March 31, 2017 and the money has to be released for this purpose from ISVM funds to which the GB agreed. He also urged the GB to resolve the persisting stalemate.

E. Dr. S. Prathaban, Professor-cum-Director (CAFT) said that not providing receipt for membership fee paid by life members, not getting PAN card for the society and thus paying substantial money as TDS amounted to misappropriation of funds and insisted that General Secretary and Treasurer should act on these points and also provide complete list of life members registered till date along with their addresses for smooth conduct of next ISVM election.

F. Dr Kirti Dua (Punjab) emphasized that one person can not be allowed to hold a prestigious society like ISVM on ransom and therefore, some mechanism needs to be worked out so that the normal business of our society is not stalled due to a non-functional General Secretary.

G. Dr. J. P. Varshney (Gujarat) said that it was apparent that some responsible office bearers of the society were not able to perform its duties and suggested to form an ad-hoc body to hold election for the new ISVM Executive and to carry out important pending issues of the society.

H. Dr. RC Patra (Odisha) said that the General Body should discuss only positive things and should not target any individuals. He also added that transparency should be adopted in the process for ISVM awards and that the Returning Officer for ISVM elections should be a retired person who has no career related aspirations. The house strongly objected to this suggestion and on casting aspersions on a senior professor whose name was decided to act as Returning Officer in General Body Meeting during ISVM Conference -2016 held at GADVASU, Ludhiana.

I. Dr. S. R. Srinivasan (Tamilnadu), Ex-President urged to not to blame any individuals and he also said that since the term of ISVM Executive is over, fresh elections should be held.

J. Dr. D.S. Nauriyal (Gujarat), Vice President, ISVM read out the minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held on 21/02/2017 evening and then, for a brief period, on 22/2/2017 morning. Dr. Nauriyal gave the details of the applications received in response to the notification issued for ISVM Awards for 2014 and 2015. He further told the General Body that to set a precedence for transparency with regard to ISVM

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Awards, the details regarding ISVM Awards given away for 2014 and 2015 will be put on the website of the society soon.

Decisions taken on the basis of discussions held in ISVM General Body Meeting: On the basis of comprehensive discussions held during the General Body Meeting, the following decisions were made:-

1. GBM confirmed the approved Proceedings of 33rd General Body Meeting of Indian Society for Veterinary Medicine held on 24-01-2015, in the Kerala Veterinary & Animal Science University Pookode, Kerala (as circulated on email addresses and put on the ISVM website also) as well as Proceedings of the ISVM General Body Meeting held on February 19, 2016 at 3:00 pm during the 34th ISVM convention in Auditorium of Silver Jubilee Block, COVS, GADVASU, Ludhiana.

2. The General Body expressed its concern over the defunct office of General Secretary ISVM, which had caused lots of administrative, financial and other complications in the functioning of ISVM during the last two years. Thus, General Body approved the actions taken by President ISVM for the conduct of ISVM Conventions held at Ludhiana and Tirunelveli. The General Body thanked the President and also congratulated the Organizing Secretaries for excellent conduct of National Symposia and ISVM Conventions held at Ludhiana and Tirunelveli in spite of all hardships and non-cooperation by the General Secretary and Treasurer.

3. As approved in the GBM during last convention at Ludhiana, the General Secretary was to reimburse within one month (of 34th Conference held in Feb. 2016) Rs. 7500/- already paid online by the President, ISVM to Dr. K. Vijay Kumar towards maintenance of ISVM website which has not been complied to date. The house expressed strong displeasure and felt that the General Secretary should immediately reimburse the said amount.

4. The General Body expressed serious concern that young aspirants, who paid life membership fee even at Jammu, Pookode and Ludhiana, have not received their life membership certificate till ISVM 2017 conference. Further, the redundant of ISVM secretariat has tarnished the image of the society and caused a major financial loss to it.

5. It was the resolved that General Secretary and Treasurer must provide the details pertaining to the financial status of the society to the Executive Committee as well as life members.

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6. The General Body resolved that the General Secretary at the earliest must send life membership certificate to all the newly enrolled life members. Besides, General Secretary must provide addresses of those ISVM Life Members who have paid life membership fee till date.

7. The General Body decided that since the website registration fee for ISVM website will expire on March 31, 2017, thus the money has to be released for this purpose from ISVM funds immediately by General Secretary to Dr. K. Vijay Kumar who has been successfully running ISVM website.

8. The General Body highly appreciated the issuance of ISVM PAN Card by Dr. B.K Bansal, the Organizing Secretary for 34th ISVM Convention held at Ludhiana. This will help in saving lot of funds which were earlier being deducted by the sponsors/funding agencies.

9. The General Body approved that the present General Secretary and Treasurer must file the IT return of the society so that the interest accrued on the sponsored money and FDs can be claimed. This is a matter of concern because it is hard-earned money of the ISVM members. On completion of all the formalities, the Organizing Secretary of 34th ISVM convention will contribute 10% of the registration fees generated during conference.

10. The General Body expressed gratitude to the President for obtaining the registration certificate of ISVM issued by Registrar of Firms and Societies, Punjab and getting the same regularized till 2016. Further, the General Secretary along with Treasurer will have to reimburse Rs. 2000/- (Rupees Two Thousand Only) paid by President towards issuance of certificate. Now, with the issuance of registration certificate, minimal postal charges are to be paid for dispatching of IJVM, the society journal as well as others printed material to life members and other agencies by Indian Post Office.

11. The General Body approved that the updated list of senior Life Members of the society must be made available for transparent evaluation of ISVM awards and the names of the recipients of ISVM Awards be uploaded on ISVM website.

12. The venue for the 36th ISVM conference was decided to be the College of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry, Orissa University of Agriculture & Technology, Bhubaneswar in February, 2018. Dr. R C Patra, Dean has been nominated as Organizing Secretary.

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13. There was a general consensus that after issuance of Proceedings of present GBM held at Tirunelveli, the General Secretary must provide the updated list of Life Members to the Returning Officer, Dr. Jaswinder Singh Soodan, Prof. and Head, TVCC, SKUAST-Jammu(J&K) latest by 3 weeks (May 02, 2017), who was appointed Returning Officer during Ludhiana ISVM Conference, with copy to all executive members to initiate the process for holding of the elections of the National Executive Committee of ISVM as well as State Chapters of ISVM Executive Committees.

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Cc:
1. Founder President, ISVM, Members of the Present Executive Committee of ISVM for kind information and necessary action, please.
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