



Canadian Animal Health Coalition Coalition canadienne pour la santé des animaux

*Promoting a collaborative approach to animal health
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NEWSLETTER

CAHC Board of Directors meeting, April 29, 2015 – Toronto

PRESENTATIONS AND PROPOSALS

Presentations and proposals were received on the following topics:

Animal Transport Regulations – Dr. Cornelius Kiley, CFIA

Dr. Kiley joined the CAHC meeting to give a presentation on the current status of the amendments to the Canadian animal transport regulations.

Dr. Kiley also mentioned CFIA's interest in partnering with CAHC on the advancement of biosecurity in the livestock industry through use of the CLT online training platform which is under development.

Emergency Management Capability proposal – Matt Taylor, Livestock Intelligence

The CAHC Board and members heard Matt Taylor's proposal to CAHC regarding emergency management capability within Canada's livestock industry and will pursue this further.

Compliance Standards for Livestock Facilities proposal – Ian Richardson and Yancy Crozier, ITS Global

Consideration is being given to further develop the AMR aspect of the project proposal on compliance standards for livestock facilities.

UPDATES

Domestic Livestock Movement Study update – Ron Barker, CAHC Project Manager

This CFIA funded project was a joint effort between the CAHC and Serecon that collected and analyzed records of domestic livestock movement. The results will enable better CFIA decisions prior to amendments of the Health of Animals Regulations related to enhanced livestock traceability systems. The final report was submitted to CFIA on April 1.

Market Relevant Codes and Communication Leadership Project update – Ron Barker, CAHC Project Manager

The [National Farm Animal Care Council](#) (NFACC) is currently working with Code Development Committees to develop Codes of Practice for poultry – layers, poultry – meat, bison, rabbit and veal. All are progressing on target. A media interview, held with Better Farming, featured the Veal Calves Code ([Update begins on veal animal care code](#)) and another in Western Producer, featured the Rabbit Code ([Rabbit Producers to Develop Code of Practice](#)).

Canadian Veterinary Reserve Report – Mark Beaven

Mark Beaven provided details around the CVR call out that was initiated in December due to Avian Influenza in B.C. Given that the situation was quickly under control, no actual call up was necessary, however the response was deemed very successful.

Canadian Livestock Transport – Geraldine Auston

Mark Beaven and Geraldine Auston provided details around the [CLT](#) funding application which was accepted by AAFC to develop an online training platform for CLT. An agreement has been signed with the project running from April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2017 and the initial course being ready for testing this fall.

An update was received on CLT including that course registration continues to be on the rise. Geraldine also provided information about the Livestock Transport Conference CLT is hosting in Calgary on May 5th and 6th.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

NFAHW Council elections

Two [National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council](#) delegate positions will be up for election this year, a process that the CAHC will once again facilitate. Watch for the call for nominations to be emailed out in June.

CAHC Bylaw Approval

The CAHC Membership joined the meeting and approved the recently updated CAHC Bylaws. The updates were as a result of the changes to the Canada Not for Profit Corporations Act.

The CAHC has moved! We can now be reached at:

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