



Canadian Animal Health Coalition Coalition canadienne pour la santé des animaux

*Promoting a collaborative approach to animal health
Œuvrant pour une vision commune de la santé animale*

NEWSLETTER

CAHC Board of Directors meeting, June 20 & 21, 2016 – Toronto

CLT ONLINE DEMONSTRATION

CAHC was approved funding in 2015 through Growing Forward II to develop interactive multimedia online materials and delivery of the existing CLT program that is offered to transport drivers and handlers of livestock and poultry. With development nearing completion, CAHC IT specialist, Joel Sotomayer, provided a demonstration of CLT online with support from CLT Coordinator, Stéphane Beaudoin.

NEW CAHC WEBSITE

Samantha Benattar showed meeting attendees the new CAHC website, which will be going live within the month.

CAHC AUDITED FINANCIALS

CAHC auditor, BDO, along with CAHC Financial Manager, Leisa Albers, joined the meeting by teleconference to review the CAHC audited financials. These were also reviewed prior to the meeting by the CAHC finance committee. The audit was accepted.

PRESENTATION

Bill C-246 – Dr. Alice Crook, Atlantic Veterinary College

Dr. Alice Crook joined the meeting by teleconference to give a presentation on Bill C-246 “Modernizing Animal Protections Act”, also offering to make the presentation to other groups if there is interest.

UPDATES

Market Relevant Codes and Communication Leadership Project update – Ron Barker, CAHC Project Manager and Jackie Wepruk, NFACC General Manager

[National Farm Animal Care Council](#) (NFACC) along with Chicken Farmers of Canada, Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors Council, Turkey Farmers of Canada and Canadian Hatching Egg Producers released the

revised Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Hatching Eggs, Breeders, Chickens, and Turkeys on June 15th. The public comment period for the draft Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Layers began on June 30th.

Building Capacity for Emergency Management in Canada's Livestock Industry – project proposal – Ron Barker, CAHC Project Manager

The application for GF2 funding was successful for a project that will scan and evaluate the current status of Emergency Management tools in Canada's livestock industry. The project will run from ___ to ___ and will include:

- Provincial and regional awareness workshops
- Commodity-specific association level plan and on-farm producer level guidelines
- Testing and revising plans and guidelines through provincial and regional simulations
- Finalizing plans and guidelines
- All commodity provincial and regional workshops
- Support the national strategy and action plans for critical infrastructure

Stakeholders may be approached by Ron Barker (project manager) or Matt Taylor (project coordinator) on this topic.

Cross Border Livestock Health Conference– CBLHC (via Pacific North West Economic Region) – Ron Barker, CAHC Project Manager

CAHC is supporting the annual Cross Border Livestock Health Conference Summit in Calgary (July 19–20, 2016) via secretariat facilitation (Project Manager) and speaker inputs (Board Members – Cross Border Issues Panel and Executive Director – Biosecurity Standard for Transport). The CBLHC addresses and seeks resolution of cross border issues related to animal health and trade.

Canadian Livestock Transport –Stéphane Beaudoin, CLT Coordinator

June was a month of transitioning new CLT coordinator, Stéphane Beaudoin, from his role as instructor (since 2009) to that of coordinator. Stéphane looks forward to providing leadership and support with the CLT program.

CFIA Biosecurity Project Report – Mark Beaven, CAHC Executive Director

Mark Beaven provided an update on the CFIA Biosecurity Project that he co-chairs with Dr. Con Kiley from CFIA. A completed draft document is expected in late summer or early fall for the CAHC to look at. Once the standard document has been completed it will be transferred to the CLT platform.

CEZD–IIR update – Ed Empringham, CAHC Project Manager

The original CEZD–IIR project was completed successfully in March, with funding for the next phase approved by CFIA, moving the project into implementation and sustainability.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Canadian Animal Health Strategy – letter to Ministers

Maple Leaf Foods was seeking support for a letter to Federal–Provincial–Territorial Ministers of Agriculture and Agri–Food regarding including animal health in Growing Forward III priorities. CAHC agreed to support this letter.

Letter from CVMA asking for support on project application

Jim Fairles provided some background information on an application for a project titled “Renewal and Enhancement of CVMA Guidelines for the Prudent Use of Veterinary Antimicrobial Medications” for which they are seeking a letter of support from the CAHC. The CAHC agreed to write a letter of support for this project application.

Canada Feed Regulatory Modernization

Emails received by M. Beaven regarding CFIA’s Feed Regulatory Modernization were discussed. It was agreed that this is outside the CAHC’s mandate.

The CAHC will meet again by teleconference on August 3rd, and then in Toronto on September 21st and 22nd.

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