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**MINUTES OF THE ROAD TRANSPORT FORUM NEW ZEALAND
NATIONAL LIVESTOCK TRANSPORT & SAFETY GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE MIRIMAR GOLF CLUB, CONFERENCE CENTRE FRIDAY
15TH NOVEMBER 2019 COMMENCING AT 9.00AM.**

PRESENT:

Chairman Don Wilson NRC, Warren Whittaker R2, Glenn Carroll R3, Eddie Swain NZ Trucking, R4, Dean Carleton R5, Nigel Gordon Nationwide Stockcrates, Robin Fellingham Total Stockcrates, Leonie Ward MPI, Tanya Robinson OSPRI, Pat Turton AsureQuality, Roger Lamb PG Wrightson, and Julie Geange Federated Farmers, with Tom Cloke NRC Secretary in attendance.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

The following apologies were received from Nick Leggett, John Tacon, Kevin Forward, Marco Woelders, Don Hutchinson, Peter Hyde, Ruth Cook, and Kate Littin.

NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS:

Delays at Saleyards

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes from the previous meeting held on Friday 5th July 2019, having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carroll/Carleton

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

Items covered within the agenda

CORRESPONDENCE:

The secretary tabled the correspondence inwards and outwards commenting on a few items;

- 1 RTF. NAIT Select committee report back
- 2 RTF. NAIT update

- 3 RTF. Farmer need to tag their animals
- 4 RTF. NAIT Bill(number2)
- 5 RTF. Roashow notification
- 6 RTF. Roadshow feedback
- 7 RTF. Follow the truck
- 8 RTF. Requesting member feedback on increased truck height
- 9 Greenlea. Notice of requirement for delivery to plants
- 10 Farmers weekly. Article about StockX
- 11 RTF. Permit issuing times

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

The secretary presented the Financial update. AsureQuality to be invoiced for the 2018-2019 year. payment for crate code accreditation and referred to the donation to the Group.

Whittaker/Carroll

Action Point: RTF tasked to follow up on outstanding payments from Asure Quality

MPI COMPLIANCE REPORT:

Leonie tabled and spoke to the reports

FOLLOW THE TRUCK REPORT:

Leonie spoke to the MPI report. It is obvious the follow the truck deal has helped reduce calf mortality rates. The committee thought it might be wise now giving attention to other issues of concern. A nice dovetail would be meshing with the end of life dairy cow programme.

Action Point: Leonie to follow up at MPI to test ability to follow end of life dairy cow trucks next year.

INCREASE HEIGHT UPDATE

Mark advised support from NZTA for increasing height was limited. The committee concluded industry's position must be to reject carting livestock unless they could be carried without causing back rub injury. The chair is to send a memo to industry advising that position. Julie indicated federated farmers would assist with a news flash through their network

Action point: Don to write Memo. Julie to check internally to send similar messaging through federated farmers channels

OSPRI/NAIT REPORT:

Tanya spoke to the OSPRI report. OSPRI and MPI are working together to target joint campaigns on compliance. The current focus is on auto-registration of tags.

actioned. 40 infringement notices are being issued a fortnight with MPI also actively pursuing prosecution cases. OSPRI is also monitoring and informing high offending PICA's with late movements of their obligations on a monthly basis.

At 13 November there were still 41,337 locations yet to register (down from 46,352 in mid-October). 52,064 locations have been registered (up from 48,126 in September), consisting of 38,913 beef, 11,826 Dairy, 672 venison, 186 velvet and 76 trophy locations. This equals 55% of NAIT locations (up from 51% in October), with the Southland region leading with 75%.

NZLTA REPORT:

Pat spoke to the report. The committee thought the certification and audit system could be recalibrated. The Chair is to work with RTF to develop that.

Crate tags have been upgraded to sturdier material and are being distributed to carriers on request as original tags fail.

Pat will bring his successor to the next meeting.

Action points: RTF invoice Asurequality for the 2018-2019 year. RTF invoice donors for the 2018-2019 year. The chair work with RTF to recalibrate the certification and audit regimes.

WORKSAFE UPDATE:

Transporters expressed concern regarding waiting times and detainment issues at some saleyards. Roger suggested a meeting in the Waikato to discuss with a view to finding solutions. Don and Warren are to follow up with Roger and arrange a meeting.

Action point. Don and Warren to arrange meeting with saleyard operators through Roger.

TOM CLOKE RESIGNATION:

This meeting marked the end of Tom Cloke's tenure as NLT&SG secretary. The Chair thanked Tom in a number of ways for his studious and unremitting work that has placed the group in very good stead. Julie Geange was nominated and carried unanimously to succeed Tom.

Swain/Carroll

ROUND TABLE UPDATE:

GENERAL BUSINESS:

No items of general business

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is confirmed for Friday 6th March 2020, to be held at the Miramar Club Conference Centre Wellington, commencing at 9.00am. Forward agenda items.

MEETING CLOSED:

The Chairman thanked attendees for the attendance and input and closed the meeting at 12.40 pm.

READ & CONFIRM:

Sign _____ Date _____ 2019

Action Points:

RTF invoice Asurequality for 2018-2019 year.

RTF invoice donors.

Chair to work with RTF to recalibrate certification and audit regimes.

Leonie talk within MPI to transfer follow the truck activity to end of life dairy cow programme.

Chair to write Memo advising industry to reject livestock that may suffer back rub in transport. Julie to check internally to send similar messaging through federated farmers channels

Don and Warren to arrange meeting with saleyard operators through Roger