

**SUMMARY OF AHDB BEEF AND LAMB BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021  
TEAMS MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Adam Quinney (Chairman), Colin Bateman (CB), Trevor Bellis (TB), Conor Colgan (CC), Anne-Marie Hamilton (AH), Laurie Ibbotson (LI), James Shouler (JS), James Taylor (JT), Steve Thompson (until 11am) (ST), Paul Unwin (PU), Robert Venner (RV)

**APOLOGIES:** Richard Sparey (RS)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Rebecca Miah (RM), Phil Hadley (for specific item) (PH), Tim Isaac (for specific item) (TI), Kim Matthews (for specific item) (KM), Manjinder Sandhu (for specific item) (MS), Caroline Burniston (CB1)

**CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chair opened the meeting at 10:00am and welcomed those in attendance. AQ confirmed that key Environmental documents are now uploaded and available within On-board the online portal to support meetings and encouraged members to utilise this sharing of relevant documents.

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

**MATTERS ARISING OF THE MEETING 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

RM updated on the following: -

LI to pick up with LB around exploring any opportunities to work with home meal kit providers.

AQ/RM looking closely at the updated web site around information for levy payers.

**MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS**

Discussion developed on which individual functions are either under or over budget.

**STRATEGY DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Information paper taken as read due to the time constraints of the meeting

**GOVERNANCE – MAIN BOARD UPDATE**

AQ gave an update on the skills requirement for new main Board members – confirming recruitment is taking place for these roles. AQ retained as Sector Chair for the next 6 months, with the Board taking responsibility for delivering priorities

**QSM UPDATE**

PH delivered a presentation around this matter and facilitated a discussion with the members around specifications vs standards and is this the natural place for AHDB.

#### **FUTURE OF KE**

9.1/21 TI presented to the Board on this item demonstrating KE was an important part of the B&L Board expenditure.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 11 – GENETICS**

KM delivered a presentation on how improving the genetics within B&L would lead to improvement. AQ asked the Board the level of ambition to support this. A debate developed around Breed Society issues and scoping studies that would lead to driving demands from the bottom up ensuring farmer demand led.

#### **AOB – CONOR COLGAN AWARD UPDATE**

12.1/21 AQ updated the group on the details of an ambassador of science award for a farmer in Conor's memory which would also be open to the C&O and Dairy sector. J Evans (ex-Board member) confirmed as sitting on the panel who was a close friend of Conor's.

12.2/21 There was no other business. AQ closed the meeting at 1.15pm

