

**SUMMARY OF THE CEREALS & OILSEEDS BOARD MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 17th JUNE AT 10.00 A.M.**

TEAMS MEETING ONLINE

PRESENT:

Paul Temple (Chairman) (PT), David Bell (DB), Tony Bell (TB), Clare Bend (CB), Jane Biss (JB), Iain Davies (ID), Russ McKenzie (RM), James Standen (JS), Patrick Stephenson (PS), David Walston (DW), Mark Wood (MW),

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Grantley-Smith (MGS), Dhan Bhandari (DB), David Eudall (DE), Anna Farrell (AF) Haroon Jabar (HJ), Will Jackson (WJ), Richard Meredith (RM), Harley Stoddart (HS), Caroline Burniston (notes) (CB1)

CHAIR WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

PT welcomed the Board members to the meeting and gave an overview of the agenda.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Howard Leland confirmed as an apology

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

JS stated his role within the Innovative Farmers Group

MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 18th MARCH 21st 2021

The Board agreed the minutes from the previous meeting held on the 18th March 2021 as a true record and were signed off by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING AND ACTION POINTS FROM THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 18th MARCH 2021

Key points as follows: -

Finance training completed.

The process for a more sophisticated webinar registration process is an ongoing activity.

Red Tractor update within SSD report. Monitor Farm update on the agenda.

LT feedback/thanks completed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

PT paid tribute to the Recommend List as an outstanding piece of work stating his preference for the printed version. This version will be handed out at the Cereals event w/c 28th June. DW referred to the difficulties around using the RL app and confirmed he had fed this back.



SECTOR DIRECTORS REPORT

The report generated a discussion around issues relating to importing grain (animal feed wheat) and the buying of imports due to poor crops. It was confirmed that the AIC should offer clarity and suggest the way forward. A further discussion on the benefits of having Red Tractor, and the additional resources needed should it not be in existence, were debated.

JS shared his desire to have a representative present to the Board around the Agri Leader programme in particular mental health issues.

CB raised issues around the Environment agency and RB209 and asked if there was anything practical AHDB could do to rectify this. MGS responded in detail stating that the livestock sectors would be brought into this for a solution. PT confirmed a meeting to discuss RB209 was scheduled for July which would be cross sector. HS reminded the Board that RB209 is guidance not regulation.

C&O MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS / LEVY UPDATE AND DEBTORS AGE ANALYSIS

MGS covered the key points. There were no accounts for April, May account not currently available as a result, so just end of year accounts enclosed. Poor harvest and Covid are the reasons behind the current position, which was expected.

BALLOT UPDATE

WJ delivered an update on how things are progressing stating the 'how to vote' detail was currently being worked on. A discussion developed around the appointment process of sector board members.

RM asked for clarification around the voting mechanism, WJ said that the organisation was looking at one member one vote and on a weighted basis.

WJ confirmed at the next main AHDB Board, Terms of Reference and the detail around the votes would be developed and discussed.

CEREALS 2021

HJ delivered an update on the event and the planning associated with it.

KPI TOOL

Due to time constraints there was only a brief overview of the tool and a small number of associated questions. The tool was demonstrated within the presentation and in particular the process of adding a new tool. Plans were discussed to pilot the scheme.

BALANCE SHEET UPDATE AND DATA COLLECTION

DE confirmed the team was working with Defra to double the sample size which has led to the accuracy of the data being increased. PT thanked DE for good positive news and reiterated the importance to a business of this data. MW praised the revised presentation of the data. ID asked what the dialogue with Scottish Government on data was. DE explained about the creation of a satellite crop map and the plan being to use it to replace a paper-based system in the future.

MONITOR FARM/STRATEGIC FARM UPDATE

RM offered a full update on the activity that has taken place in a challenging period. RM confirmed he would welcome the Board grouping together and discussing what next for Monitor Farms with the priority to keep raising communicating with levy payers.



AOB

There was no other business

CLOSE

PT closed the meeting at 12.37pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

SignedDate.....

Date of next meeting: - Thursday 21st October 2021

