

British Horse Council

Summer Meeting – Fri 24 June 2022

11.00 Chairman's welcome – Tim Brigstocke

- Previous notes and presentations: <https://www.britishhorsecouncil.org/meetings/>
- New BHC directors welcomed are Jim Eyre and Ross Hamilton. Directors are ex officio, they are brought in for their expertise in a sector and not to represent any organisation
- AoB from Farriers Registration Council (see separate report)

11.05 British Horse Council update – David Mountford

Continuing to meet on Zoom on a fortnightly basis amongst Directors and with the Defra/APHA Birdtable group for importers and exporters to resolve issues on the ground as quickly as possible and with the Equine team at Defra as well. Key issues have been the challenges faced by businesses moving horses across borders, preparation for the new Border Operating Model (now put back to December 2023), Welfare in Transport (temperature ranges discussions have been put back and there is an upcoming workshop on journey times) and finally developing and analysing the equine ID horseowner survey. Officials visits at Newmarket (racing, TB, sport horse AI stud and welfare centre) and Badminton horse trails where they met the event director, FEI vets and numerous others who help provide context regarding the importance of such events in the calendar.

BHC keen for as many people to attend these biannual meetings as possible and they will continue to be held on Zoom.

11.10 Equine ID consultation and survey

- Consultation – Helen Johnston (see separate slides)
- Survey – Jan Rogers & Kim Ayling (see separate slides)

11.30 Welfare in Transport – Nichola Clark

- Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill (see separate slides)
- Proposals and workshops for welfare in transport regulations

11.40 Border Operating Model

- 2023 Border Control Post implementation proposals – Jack Tilbury

Target Operating Model (TOM) is accepted process, formerly Border Operating Model (BOM), and this includes BCP readiness. Following the change to the launch date of go-live of BCPs on 1 July, the team is developing a regime of more proportionate interventions at borders consisting of a number of engagement sessions and questionnaires to find out the pain points around the former proposed regime. These will inform the development of the TOM. Feedback so far is consistent that approach to risk is not proportionate, and requests for animals and animal products that interventions be targeted at higher risk consignments with assurances around lower risk. Ways of establishing trust rather are being considered as

a more appropriate intervention. Timeline for TOM is for autumn launch, currently designing new regime for imports. Looking at existing BCP capacity and assessing feasibility of moving some live animal checks to border ahead of 2023, if feasible, this will be set out within the TOM with plenty of lead in time to comment. BCPs, specifically the capacity to handle live animals is still being developed, will reveal dates and impact of capacity assessments on the facilities where interventions are likely for lower risk consignments.

Mailing list for TOM developments for interested parties to sign up

<https://confirmsubscription.com/h/y/31723E8436AC15FF>

- e-certification – John Parrott (see separate slides)

11.50 Zootechnical update – Amelia Greenham

~To follow

12.00 Animal Health & Welfare Board (for England)

- AHWBE engagement – Peter Laurie
- Licensing of animal welfare establishments – Peter Laurie
- Animal Health & Welfare Pathway Update – Melvin Standen

~To follow

12.15 British Equestrians for Ukraine – Jim Eyre & Roly Owers

~To follow

12.20 Government updates – Devolved Authorities

- Scotland – apologies sent, no update for this meeting
- Wales – Gosia Dabrowska-Jones ~To follow
- Northern Ireland – Charlotte Smith (see separate slides)
- England – Helen Johnston ~To follow

12.40 Sector Updates

- **Veterinary** – David Mountford
- **Trade** – Claire Williams (see separate report)
- **Racing and TB breeding** – Claire Sheppard & Ross Hamilton (see separate slides)
- **Research and dissemination** – Jeanette Allen & Jan Rogers (see separate slides)
- **Leisure & recreation** – Sarah Phillips (see separate slides)
- **Welfare** – Roly Owers (see separate slides)
- **Sport (incl ethics and social licence committees/bodies)** - Jim Eyre

~To follow

13.20 AoB from Farriers Registration Council (see separate report)

Where notes are “~To follow” these will be completed or uploaded as soon as possible. In the meantime if you have any queries, please email comms@britishhorsecouncil.org