



Summary of the 21st Board Meeting of DEERResearch Ltd
Wednesday 30 April 2008, By Teleconference

AGENDA

1. Apologies
 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (20 February 2008)
 3. Matters Arising
 4. Register Update
 - A. Interests
 - B. Intellectual Property
 5. Financial Report
 6. Research Updates
 7. SFF Parasite Project Application
 8. **Approval of 2008/09 Research Budget and Annual Work Plan**
 9. General Business
 - a. Industry FGM and Conference 13-15 May 2008
 10. Suggested Meeting Dates and Calendar of Key Events
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Present / Attending

- C Isaacs (Chairman), K Ashby (replacing G Keeley), P Benfell, M Buick, F Griffin, G Keeley (retiring), M O'Connor
- N Fraser, T Pearse, L Fung (DINZ)

Apologies

- N Beatson

Matters Arising

- 06/07-19: *Prepare licence agreement for DEERselect.* Awaiting decision on ownership of software. Ongoing.
- 07/08-01: *Clostridia test kit – obtain feedback from VPTC.* The use of the 'rapid' clostridia test kit is looking useful as new technology provides a turnaround time for results in 6 hours or less. Set up costs appear large however which may limit the test as an in-house technology. Completed.
- 07/08-14: *Notification to stakeholder groups of upcoming director election and request nominations for preferred candidates.* K Ashby appointed 7th Director, replacing G Keeley. Completed.
- 07/08-15: *List and upload new papers/presentations to the DEEResearch website.* Completed.
- 07/08-20: *Archived research to be found and activated for implementation through current focus farms.* Some work on this is being developed by AgResearch for focus farms and will be combined with the cost-benefit work. Ongoing.

Approval of 2008/09 Research Budget and Annual Work Plan

The parasite scholarship (\$31,000) is taken from discretionary funds, there will be no more available until the scholarship terminates (when the student secures alternative funds).

Although there was \$52,000 offered for Joint Research in venison processing in 2007/08, the companies have had little interest due to the small amount of research this can buy.

For venison processing in 2007/08 only \$20,000 has been allocated this year. There is potential for the unallocated \$32,000 to be made available in 2008/09, but concerns remain over continual rollover and specific projects need to be identified for this to occur.

The Board approved the 2008/09 Research Budget and Work Plan.

Research Updates

Project 7:04 Drip Loss: Full results will be presented at next VPTC meeting, and can also be presented to the DEEResearch/VSS meeting in Ruakura (23 July 2008).

Project 7:02 Venison Supply Systems:

- Revised milestones for parasite work noted.
- Early breeding gene. While the examined SNPs did not show any variation responsible for differences in seasonality, this does not mean that there is none – other SNPs or parts of the genome will need to be examined. The Board queried if the research was aimed at developing and refining a tool or if the aim was to search for more genes.

SFF Parasite Project Application

Update information noted. Requested funds (\$13,390 incl GST) less than initial estimate approved by the Board on 23 April 2008 (\$13,500 excl GST).

SFF funding has been granted pending confirmation of industry funds.

The NZDFA are able to commit \$4,000 to the project and consider the project is important (*i.e.* when to drench, faecal egg count *etc.* needs to be more accurate).

General Business

Industry Conference draft programme noted. The presentation from Julie Collins on climate change and the Emission Trading Scheme will be good for conference.

Collier Isaacs thanked Graeme on behalf of the Board noting that venison processors operate in a competitive environment, but Graeme's approach to role has allowed for good exchange of industry good ideas between companies. The Board wished Graeme well for the future.

Suggested Meeting Dates and Calendar of Key Events

23 July 2008, Ruakura. VSS Governance Council meeting