

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SHEEP AND GOATS

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Oct 21, 2014

Meeting was called to order by William Edmiston, DVM at 1:10 pm.

First speaker was M. A. Highland, DVM, PhDc, Dipl. ACVP, USDA-ARS ADRU, Pullman, Washington. The title of her presentation was Domestic – Bighorn Sheep Interface Problem Overview and Research. She discussed the research being carried out with Domestic sheep and Bighorn Sheep, detailing the multiorganism etiology of many respiratory infections, and discussed differences in response to physiological challenges between the two groups. The entire presentation is included with this report in digital form, and should be made available to USAHA membership.

Second speaker was Diane Sutton, DVM, USDA-APHIS, discussing and soliciting input for the Sheep and Goat Comprehensive Surveillance. Opportunities to improve disease surveillance through more complete identification utilization and inclusion of less traditional marketing channels were debated.

The third presentation was an informational slide show concerning production of (CEVA) vaccine for Coxiella Burnetti. This led to discussion of a human vaccine produced by bioCSL in Australia, with the possibility of pursuit of licensure and availability in the USA. Response to the USAHA resolution concerning Coxiella was discussed, and the following addition was drafted to that resolution.

2014 action- USAHA Sheep & Goat Committee urges USDA One Health Office to collaborate with CDC to gather the data on the impact of Coxiella Burnetti on human health and the relationship of that to the incidence of disease in animals. This information would be invaluable to support the advancement of the licensure of human and animal vaccines in the USA.

Cindy Wolf made the motion, and Paul Rodgers seconded, to include this addition to the Coxiella resolution. Motion carried.

A resolution from the Brucellosis Committee was reviewed and adopted concerning standardizing Brucella ovis testing between all labs. Motion to adopt was made by Jim Logan, and seconded by Ron Miller, motion passed.

The 2013 resolution concerning brucellosis and TB in sheep and goats was reviewed, along with the response from USDA. We updated the resolution, and added a request to USDA to declare the US historically free of TB and Brucellosis in sheep and goats, and urge the ending of testing for same in these animals. Motion by Paul Rodgers, second by Eileen Kuhlmann, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:18 pm.