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| Minutes for Committee Meeting of the Shetland Animal Health Scheme to be held at 12:00 on the 13th of June 2024 | |
| Lerwick Marts Meeting Room / MS Teams | |
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| **Attendees**  Hilary Burgess  Lucia Malcolmson (LCM)  Osla Jamwal-Fraser  Eric Graham  Willie Simpson  Karis Stevenson  Cecil Eunson  Anne McMillan  Kris Bevan  Louise Moar (LM) | **Agenda**   1. Apologies 2. Minutes from last meeting 3. Shipping Update 4. Vet Report 5. Sheep Scab Regulations Update 6. Spring Lambing EAE testing 7. Proposed Changes to EAE Summer Testing 8. Hilary at the Highland Show 9. Moredun visit – end of August 10. OPA Project Update – Phil’s Visit July 11. Consolidated Dipping Days – Does Wednesday still suit 12. Publishing minutes from meetings   AOCB |
| 1. **Apologies**   Kirsty Budge, Karin McGivern | |
| 1. **Minutes from last meeting** | |
| 1. **Shipping Update**   Sheep 3747 shipped down from 5500 last year  Cows 688 up from 612 last year  4 new Livestock Containers have been received. Expecting 11 more before the main shipping season | |
| 1. **Vet Report**   Lambing period over – No abortions positive for EAE  Reduction in abortion enquiries  Flock testing has started – lambing seems to have gone well  Cattle herd testing mostly done for the winter | |
| 1. **Sheep Scab Regulations Update**   Gone to Scottish Government – inconclusive timetable  **Local MSP Should we contact Beatrice** | |
| 1. **Spring Lambing EAE testing**   Covered in Vet Report  Haven’t used swabs this year instead used two years of HISHA testing | |
| 1. **Proposed Changes to EAE Summer Testing**   Changing system from a 3 year cycle to a 4 year cycle  Frees up some testing for importers of female sheep or concerned neighbours of frequent importers.  More risk based than before  Heather Stevenson had suggested location based testing. It seemed this was going to be impractical as it isn’t always clear who the neighbours were going to be and a group can grow very quickly. | |
| 1. **Hilary at the Highland Show**   SIOS stand about sheep scab control and a Wine reception. Discussing background of the project, mingle and chat  Materials can be used again at other local shows. | |
| 1. **Moredun visit – end of August**   How best to tie in with the farming community  Bus coming to the marts on the sale day – Friday  Schools visits – Drop ins – people need to know where you’re going to be when and what they can get  Industry contact while at the schools – have a volunteer from the farming community – Discussion of people who would be good for different areas. | |
| 1. **OPA Project Update – Phil’s Visit July**   Phil Scott is coming up at the beginning of July (1st and 2nd ) would anyone be willing to host an event for the evening he is here.  Maybe contact the young farmers and see if they are willing to host something. | |
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| 1. **Consolidated Dipping Days – Does Wednesday still suit**   Something similar  It doesn’t work as good if it is a busy marts day. Could have a look at the marts calendar before deciding on a Wednesday  Focus on collecting ram promptly  Ideally before 11am except for after big sale days  Collecting ram promptly helps keep costs of dipping down  Try and keep it flexible. | |
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| 1. **Publishing minutes from meetings**   Other meetings send key points to the local media.  Webpage with details to request the minutes  Prepare a summary of the main minute to trial | |
| 1. **AOCB**   **Form before booking in your animals at the marts**  Discussion of whether there should be a form for when you are booking your sheep into the marts  What would need to go on the form  Include sheep scab  Needs to be reasonably broad  Try and keep it a positive  **Lice**  LCM to find a Lice poster  Lice advice available on the webpage  Dipper availability? – not very free at the right time of year | |