

HIO Teleconference Summary

October 14, 2005

Present via Teleconference: Bob Blackwell (MFTHBA), Craig Evans (NHSC), Niels Holch (HOA), and Kenny Smith (KWHA)

Not Present: Don Bell (NWAH), Donna Benefield (HPC), Keith Dane (FOSH), Lynda Hill (SSHBEA),

USDA: Dr. Todd Behre, Dr. Chester Gipson; Facilitator Robin Lohnes

Review of September 13, 2005 Meeting Summary:

The September 13, 2005, meeting summary was reviewed and approved as amended.

USDA Monthly Report (Dr. Behre)

- Show Reports: Dr. Behre provided an updated version of the cumulative show report summary.
- Update on Technology: Dr. Behre reported that USDA is working on a draft algometry protocol which will be reviewed and discussed at the November 8, 2005, teleconference.
- Dr. Behre also mentioned that according to Dr. Dussault initial reports from the Celebration indicated that lots of topical anesthetics (benzocaine and lidocaine) had been detected. This led to a discussion concerning the application of NHSC's rule regarding foreign substances "detected by any means."
- Update on IT Management Team and Online Animal Care Information System (OACIS): Dr. Behre reported that implementation of the horse protection data is expected in 2007, perhaps sooner.

Outstanding Issues

- Update Cumulative Show Report: Dr. Behre will update it to include the Land O'Sky show.
- Follow-the-Horse Analysis: The report was tabled until the November teleconference.
- Definition of Barn Party: Discussion tabled until the November teleconference.
- Standards of Conduct: HIOs that have not yet submitted their standards of conduct were asked to do so prior to the next teleconference.
- Multi-Breed Inspections: Although this question originated from FOSH, USDA was asked to copy its response to all HIOs.
- Public Meetings: Dr. Gipson expressed USDA's willingness to host public meetings in conjunction with the HIOs' 2006 meeting schedule and will confirm dates at the next teleconference.

Review of OP

- HIOs were asked to review the red-line version draft to identify any additional sections of the OP not already highlighted for review. It was discussed that the December meeting agenda would focus primarily on review of the scar rule and its application in the field.

2006 Training

- It was the general consensus of the participating HIOs that all HIO DQP Coordinators should attend the 2006 USDA Joint Training.
- USDA will extend an invitation to all DQPs "strongly encouraging" them to attend.

Determine November 8, 2005 HIO Teleconference Agenda

- Tentative Agenda:
 - Review of October 14, 2005 teleconference summary
 - USDA October Monthly Report
 - Review of Draft Algometry Protocol

FTH Report
Definition of "Barn Party"