

PROCESSOR SUB-COUNCIL
Tuesday August 25, 2015
The Old Woolstore, Hobart

MINUTES

Welcome:

Dean as stand in Chair welcomed the Members in attendance, and asked if they had any objection to observers attending the meeting. All agreed.

Attendance:

Steven Bartels, Darvin Hansen, Stephen Sandrey, Jimmy He, Stephen Crocker, Dean Lisson (CE), Jillian Freeman (minutes)
Observers - Bev Amos, Linda He, Mel Porteus, Eileen Thorpe, Clinton Mitchell,
Speakers - Keith Thompson, Mark Webster

Apologies:

Alan Hansen

Minutes of previous meeting:

Resolved to accept the minutes of the Sub-Council meeting held on February 20, 2015 having been circulated be taken as read and confirmed. Proposed Darvin Hansen, seconded Steven Sandrey

Business arising from previous meeting:

Quality Code of Practise (QCoP) – a letter will be sent out to processors for processing staff, drivers and divers to attend QCoP training, the first session will be on September 11. More dates will be advised, the trial undertaken last year was a success.

Freight Service:

Keith Thompson the CEO of 'PHT Air Freight and Logistics' addressed the meeting on a new freight service to be introduced to Tasmania in the form of a concierge service for small seafood consignments Hobart to Essendon, starting on November 2 to meet with specific international flights. The freight will be loaded into a specially designed 'pod', locked and delivered to a freight forwarder either LINC or DHL.

AAA / SECC / STAG:

Mark Webster gave an update on the SECC formerly AQIS, Department of Agriculture. The process of being a member is substantive with interviews, CV's and applicants have to have had an extensive time in and knowledge of industry.

The following items were discussed and the full report is on the website.

1. Cost recovery models
2. Package Assisting Small Exporters programme
3. Export reforms
4. Program issues/updates
5. Audit regime overview
6. SECC membership – new committee

7. Biotoxin review
8. Recalling exported product
9. New guidelines for new entrants to exporting
10. National Residue Survey (NRS) – issues/update
11. Food services group issues/update
12. Exports Standards Branch – issues/updates
13. STAG Report

Australasian Abalone Association (AAA) – Mark Webster is the Chairman
Several submissions have been put forward for SO₂ (sulphur dioxide) in canned abalone, these have been rejected by the Chinese authorities.

Mark asked for any feedback from members on any issues with DPIPWE etc

Election of Processor Sub-Council Chairman for 2015/16

Steven Crocker was nominated by Darvin Hansen and seconded by Stephen Sandrey. Steven Crocker accepted the nomination and was duly elected.

General Business:

1. DPIPWE bookwork
Processors are being overloaded with paperwork; the 'Receipt to Premises' book is deemed to be unnecessary. The requirement to have an AQIS number on the docket and the amount of information required for the new 'Weigh Sheet Book'.
2. China Free Trade Agreement
The National Labour Party/union movement are questioning the qualifications and requirements of working visas. Dean will be attending the 'Select Joint Committee for Treaties' to give a submission.
The FTA is solely about tariff reductions, not quarantine

Meeting closed at 1.35pm