

Equine Health Committee Report

April 9, 2003

Presentations included an update of the USAHA IDOHC EIA Subcommittee activities from Dr. Ernie Zirkle, NJ Department of Agriculture (retired); A Review & Insight into Equine Piroplasmosis Surveillance from Dr. Leroy Coffman, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, An update on the Status of National EVA Control Initiative from Amy Mann, American Horse Council, The Continuing Threat to the U.S. Horse Population Posed by CEM, from Dr. Peter Timoney, University of Kentucky and an Update on Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome (MRLS) from Dr. David Powell, University of Kentucky.

Handouts were provided regarding the Testing formats for EIA and Expected Results and the updated EIA VS Memo 555.16.

The discussion following each presentation was relevant to the topic presented, focused primarily on clarification of points raised in the presentation and was generally non-controversial.

Business Session

Number of attendees: 8

There were no presentations. Members were provided a copy of the NIAA Resolutions booklet if needed.

The Committee agreed to remove resolutions #56, #57 and #61 finding that these resolutions had been fulfilled. The Committee re-affirmed resolutions numbered 58, 59 & 60. One new resolution regarding Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) was introduced, discussed and approved and a new position statement on Contagious Equine Metritis was also approved.

In attendance

NIAA Members:

Ky Mortensen
Amy W. Mann
David Powell
Carl Heckendorf
Jim Kelley
Don L. Notter
David Berry
Dee Ellis
Lee Coffman
Amelita Facchiano

AAEP
American Horse Council
University of Kentucky
Colorado Dept of Ag
American Paint Horse Assn.
Kentucky Dept of Agriculture State Vet
Hartford Insurance Co.
Texas Animal Health Commission
FDACS
Global Vet

Non-Members:

Ernie Zirkle
Tim Cordes

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