

Field Service Advisory Committee (FSAC) Meeting

March 5, 2019

Town and Country Hotel, San Diego, CA

Attendees

Denise Athy, AgriTech Analytics  
Erin Berger, AgSource Cooperative Services  
Angie Coburn, AgSource Cooperative Services  
Glenn Schmahl, Eastern Wisconsin DHIC  
Lucia Aguiar, Aguiar Milk Testing Inc.  
Cathy Myers, Amelicor  
Steven Smith, Amelicor  
Tom Blevins, Arizona DHIA  
Neil Petreny, CanWest DHI  
Skip Vierra, Central Counties DHIA  
Frank Azevedo, Central Counties DHIA  
Terry Hopper, Dairy Lab Services  
Lexie Sander, Dairy Lab Services  
George Cudoc, Dairy One Cooperative, Inc.  
Jamie Zimmerman, Dairy One Cooperative, Inc.  
John Tauzel, Dairy One Cooperative, Inc.  
Carol Benway, Dairy One Cooperative, Inc.  
John Clay, Dairy Records Management Systems  
Erin Evangelista, Dairy Records Management Systems  
Greg Palas, Dairy Records Management Systems  
Brian Winters, DHI Cooperative Inc.  
Julee O'Reilly, DHI Cooperative Inc.  
Alfred Duran, DHIA West  
John Rhoads, Eastern Lab Services  
Michael Gallenberger, Gallenberger Dairy Records  
Dennis Drudik, Heart of America DHIA  
Susan Lee, Idaho DHIA  
Elizabeth Straw, Indiana State Dairy Association  
Jere High, Lancaster DHIA  
David Bigelow, Sr., Lancaster DHIA  
Bruce Dokkebakken, Minnesota DHIA  
Steven Sievert, National DHIA/QCS  
Jay Mattison, National DHIA/QCS  
Doug Moyer, NorthStar Cooperative Services  
Gary Holterman, NorthStar Cooperative Services  
Kevin Haase, NorthStar Cooperative Services  
Chris Tucker, Rocky Mountain DHIA  
Dennis Edlund, San Joaquin DHIA  
Beth Bonjour, Texas DHIA  
Daniel Lefebvre, Valacta

Invited Guests

John Cole, USDA-ARS-AGIL  
Jason Lombard, USDA-APHIS-VS-CEAH  
João Dürr, Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding  
Javier Burchard, Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding  
Duane Norman, Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding  
Uffe Lauritsen, RYK, Denmark  
Martin Burke, ICAR  
Sue Hart, VAS  
Adam Griffin, Lely North America

The 2019 FSAC meeting called to order at 8:07 a.m. by Kevin Haase, Acting Chair, FSAC. Haase asked for introductions of attendees and invited guests.

The agenda was reviewed and offered for additions. There were no additional topics brought forth for discussion.

Steven Sievert, QCS, previously distributed the minutes by email and provided printed copies from the March 6, 2018 FSAC meeting as part of the FSAC meeting materials. Sievert noted that it should be Lexie Sander, not Lexie Parker as attending the 2018 FSAC meeting. It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes as corrected.

Steven Sievert was appointed as recording secretary for the 2019 FSAC meeting.

Chair Haase called for nominations for Chair of the FSAC, noted the term was two years. Kevin Haase was nominated as Chair. It was moved and seconded to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Kevin Haase as Chair of the Field Service Advisory Committee. The motion carried.

Steven Sievert, Quality Certification Services, presented the following:

1. Field Service Report (attached to the minutes). There were no proposed changes from QCS to the *Auditing Procedures for Field Services*.
2. Meter Center and Technician Report (attached to the minutes). Sievert presented a complete rewrite of the *Auditing Procedures for Meter Centers and Technicians*. This rewrite was requested in 2018 and as noted in the minutes of the 2018 FSAC Meeting, to be presented and reviewed at this meeting. There were no changes to specific guidelines, rather removal of redundant language, replacement of device listings in the document with a reference to an external table of ICAR-certified and National DHIA-accepted devices, and removal of outdated schematics related to meter test procedure design. Chair Haase asked for questions of QCS staff on the proposed changes. It was moved and seconded that the FSAC approves the changes in the *Auditing Procedures for Meter Centers and Technicians* as presented and that these changes be forwarded to the Audit Review Committee for review and adoption.
3. Recording and Sampling Device Update (attached to the minutes).

Jason Lombard, USDA-APHIS-VS-CEAH presented an update on NAHMS survey activities and a preliminary data summary from data provided by select DHI providers. Lombard noted that there would be a meeting at lunch on Thursday, March 7, 2019 to discuss future steps.

Jay Mattison, CEO, National DHIA, provided an updated on proposed changes in the National DHIA Data Access and Use policies. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes.

Steven Sievert presented an update on proper use of herd codes, provider codes supervision codes, and QC codes, noting that National DHIA and CDCB were in the middle of a validation process to ensure proper usage. Sievert also presented preliminary ideas for collecting primary herd descriptors to better characterize data collected by the DHI system. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes.

João Dürr, CEO, CDCB and Javier Burchard, Innovation Director, CDCB provided an update on CDCB activities, goals, and priorities for 2019 and moving forward. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:09 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

Jay Mattison provided an update on the acquisition of Ori-Collectors from FCEL/SAYCA, noting changes in pricing and volume discounts, on-demand manufacturing and limitations of the current manufacturers.

Steven Sievert provided an update on current certified combinations with the Ori-Collector and planned testing in 2019 and 2020. A copy of a matrix of certified combinations was reviewed and provided to all FSAC meeting attendees. This matrix is also available on the QCS website for download and distribution.

Jay Mattison shared a progress report in the International Group (IG) related to development of both a new integrated electronic meter and sampler as well as a Universal Sampling Device. Steven Sievert and Uffe Lauritsen, RYK, Denmark, provided comments from the technical committee that is working with potential manufacturers of these devices.

The FSAC welcomed Adam Griffin, Lely North America, to provide an update to the FSAC on North American AMS trends and Lely data exchange.

Sue Hart, VAS, provided an update to the FSAC on changes in VAS and DairyComp 305.

The FSAC welcomed a panel discussion on Dairy Management Research and the DHI System. Panelists included Jay Mattison, National DHIA; John Clay, DRMS; John Cole, USDA-ARS-AGIL, João Dürr, CDCB; Martin Burke, ICAR; Uffe Lauritsen, RYK; Adam Griffin, Lely NA; and Sue Hart, VAS.

The FSAC meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully recorded,

Steven Sievert  
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