

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION HELD ON  
THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 9.00AM AT CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL,  
SHAW'S BRIDGE, BELFAST**

**Present:**

Mr G McGivern (Chairman)  
Mr J Lennon  
Mr H Sinclair  
Mr J Stewart  
Mrs O Chesney

**In attendance:**

Mr I Stevenson  
Miss S Blain

*Mr C Smith, LMC Industry Development Manager joined the meeting at 9.00am.*

**2022/7/1 Presentation from LMC Industry Development Manager**

The Chairman welcomed Colin Smith to the meeting and looked forward to the update on progress with Carbon Auditing and Grass Fed Beef Projects.

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**Action point:** The Board agreed that sustainability and carbon auditing will be agenda items on future Board meetings.

*Mr C Smith left the meeting at 10.30am.*

**2022/7/2 Apologies**

An apology had been received from Mr G Maguire.

**2022/7/3 Declaration of Interests Pertaining to Agenda Items for Discussion**

The Board agreed that none of the agenda items required any Board members to abstain from discussions.

**Compliance with the Management Statement & Financial Memorandum,  
Sponsor Manual and Managing Public Money NI**

Confirmed.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

**2022/7/4 Minutes of Commission Meeting Held on 25 July 2022**

The minutes of a meeting, held on 25 July 2022, were approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Mr J Stewart  
 Seconded: Mrs O Chesney

**2022/7/5 Matters Arising**

- **PGI**

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There has not yet been a formal response from the EU to ROI or GB.

- **Meeting with Head of Internal Audit (HIA)**

The ARAC Chairman and Chief Executive had met with A McKee (HIA) and D Millar (IA) to discuss the final internal audit report and opinion. The ARAC Chairman had expressed concern on a misstatement of fact regarding the number of ARAC meetings. The HIA agreed to a change of wording which the ARAC Chair is content to accept.

**Action Point:** The ARAC Chair will reply to correspondence from DAERA and advise of the outcome of the meeting with HIA.

**2022/7/6 Chairman's Report**

- **Board Membership** – The Chairman advised that a proposal is with the Minister to extend current Board membership to February 2023.
- **Good Honest Food Campaign** – The Board congratulated the LMC staff and farmers who had been involved in a very successful campaign. Follow up market research had found that 7 out of 10 people questioned said they had been influenced by the campaign.

**2022/7/7 Chief Executive's Report**

In advance of the meeting the Chief Executive had circulated a report relating to this section of the meeting.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chairman

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- **China: Veterinary Counsellor role in British Embassy, Beijing – AHDB Proposal**  
**Action Point:** The Board agreed to part fund a Veterinary Counsellor in China.
- **Sustainable Ruminant Genetics Limited (SRG)**  
An updated progress report had been provided for the information of the Board.
- **Financials**  
Management accounts for the first quarter of the year were reviewed and noted by the Board.

**2022/7/8 Risk Management/Health & Safety**

None.

**2022/7/9 Any Other Business**

- **Business Case for Carbon Database**  
The ARA Committee met to consider a business case for investment in the development of a carbon database and data collection process. Following a thorough review, some changes were requested to improve clarity within the business case. The ARA Committee approved the amended business case, a final copy of which was circulated to ARAC members.
- **AHWNI Conference 12 October 2022**  
**Action Point:** The Chief Executive will check that all Board members have been issued with invitations to the conference at the Hilton Hotel, Templepatrick.
- **IFJ- Anderson/Outlook Conference 13 October 2022**  
The conference will be held at the Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown.
- **Meeting with DAERA Permanent Secretary**  
**Action Point:** The Permanent Secretary will be invited to the next Board Meeting.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

**2022/7/10      Date of Next Meeting**

The next LMC Board meeting will be held on Monday 31 October 2022 at 10.30am in Lissue Walk.

*The Board meeting ended at 11.50am.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman