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American Foulbrood National Pest Management Plan

Governance Report Apiculture New Zealand (Inc)

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Reported Incidents of American Foulbrood

Between 1 June and 31 July 2017, 79 cases of AFB were reported in 37 apiaries.

AFB PMP Management Board Meetings

So far in 2017 the Board has met on 3 separate occasions (2 day meetings plus) with further meetings scheduled for late August and mid- November.

Beekeeper, Apiary and Hive Numbers

AsureQuality report 123 new beekeeper registrations were processed in the last 2 months which was more than offset by cancellations.

Annual Disease Returns (ADR's)

Annual Disease Returns were sent to 7,913 beekeepers in April 2017.

6,282 beekeepers (79%) returned their ADR on time though a number of these were processed by AsureQuality after the 1 June deadline due to the volume of returns being handled by registrars at that time. As at 1 August 2017, 1,022 defaulters (13%) have yet to file their ADR.

Certificate of Inspection (COI)

In August 2016, 3,296 non – accredited beekeepers received a Certificate of Inspection. By 15 December (legally imposed deadline), 2,320 COI's (70%) had been returned. There are currently 686 COI defaulters (21%) who have yet to file paperwork for the 2016/2017 season.

Disease Elimination Conformity Agreements DECA's

49% of beekeepers currently hold a DECA.

AFB Authorised Persons

- AP2 Survey

To aid in future planning the Board has referred to all AP2's a questionnaire in the form of a survey seeking feedback.

- AP2 Instrument of Appointment Renewals

Underway

- AP2 Contracts

Work will be commencing shortly on the renewal of AP2 contracts, this will also require reviewing the remuneration policy.

AFB Inspection Program

Inspection work has all but ceased over the winter months, however is expected to pick up once Spring arrives.

AFB Recognition Course Training

- Training Courses

There are 31 AFB Recognition Courses (with test) scheduled for the remainder of 2017.

In the June report we identified a target 1,300 passes and in excess of 75 courses as being the goal for 2017. This has subsequently been reviewed and we are now looking at a figure of 1,400 and 85 courses respectively.

- Train the Trainers Course

Since the last report the Board has increased the number of AFB Recognition Course trainers by 14, 6 of whom are what we term in-house company trainers. All 14 attended a training seminar on 23 and 24 July in Lower Hutt.

The AFB PMP Management Board now has 34 trainers in place.

- Refresher Course Training

There are currently 6 courses scheduled, some of which are being coordinated via local beekeeping clubs.

5 Year Strategy

The Board continues to progress the 5 Years Strategy. Version 2 will be released to the beekeepers before the end of August, following the addition of financial projections and further refinement following review by the AP2 network.

Development of MPI and (ApiNZ) - AFB PMP Operating Protocols

The AFB PMP Chairman is just received advice from Director General of MPI regarding MPI representation on the AFB Board. He has nominated Geoff Gwen with John Sanson as his second.

Apiculture New Zealand Conference 2017

The AFB PMP Management Board as with 2016 participated in the 2017 event by taking up the offer of a stand in the industry good section of the trade display area.

The AFB PMP Management Board considers a presence at conference to be an important opportunity to communicate the AFB PMP message.

Technology

Along with AsureQuality the Board continues to investigate technology solutions under the AFB PMP. Many of these such as APIWEB, Text/Email alerts and increasing use of email have been noted in earlier reports. The potential for App accessed inspection forms making greater use of GIS technology is currently being investigated. This technology is currently used in the MPI National Apiculture Surveillance Program and could easily be adapted for use in this program.

Website www.afb.org.nz

The website continues to have a high level of visitor activity with visitors far greater than expected. Registrations for training are received via the site.

The placement of the website on a new more efficient operating platform has commenced along with a review of the site.