

Safety Committee Minutes

2017 Cattle Industry Summer Conference

Denver, Colorado

July 13, 2017: 2:00 – 6:00 PM

July 14, 2017: 9:15 AM – 12:00 PM

Scott Niess, Co-Chair

Mike Smith, Co-Chair

Purpose Statement: Support the Long Range Plan (LRP) by identifying and prioritizing initiatives to provide safe and wholesome beef and beef products to maintain and grow consumer confidence and trust.	
Members (28):	Scott Niess (Co-Chair), Mike Smith (Co-Chair), Suzanne Geppert, Chaley Harney, Dina Reitzel, Dale Sandlin, Kevin Thielen, Jason Beyer, William Blackmon, Stephanie Butcher, Rob Campbell, Roger Clift, Joaquin Contente, Lloyd DeRuyter, David Hutsell, Dwain Johnson, Joel Keith, Steve Mafrige, Brian Malaer, Bill McLaren, Bob Mitchell, Glenn Payne, Lucy Rechel, Wallace Schulthess, Bill Sexten, Douglas Temme, Thomas Wright, Terry Wyatt
Staff (3):	NCBA— Jim Ethridge, Sharon Murano, Betty Anne Redson Dawn Caldwell, Federation Vice Chair
Guests (10):	Katie Ambrose, Susan Backus, Jason Bagley, Keith Belk, Sarah Bohnenkamp, Mandy Carr, Dal Grooms, Eric Moore, Bob Noble, Dean Oyster, Gary Patton, Wanda Pinnow, Gary Price, Darren Seidel, Bob Smith, Kiah Twisselman, Mark Wagner, Josh White

Day 1

Welcome/Call to Order

Mike Smith called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m., welcomed the committee members, introduced Dawn Caldwell, NCBA Federation division vice chair, and requested introductions from both members and guests.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

Tom Wright moved, seconded by Lloyd DeRuyter, to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Steve Mafrige moved, seconded by Bill Sexten to approve the minutes of the meeting February 3, 2017. The motion carried.

AR Review Process

In preparation for scoring the Authorization Request (AR) tactics presented to the Safety Committee, co-chairs Mike Smith and Scott Niess led the committee through a review of the committee ground rules, the Safety Committee Purpose Statement, the 2016-2020 Long Range Plan (LRP), and the LRP strategic initiatives most important, more important and important to the work of the Safety Committee. The committee viewed the scoring video prepared by CBB.

Contractors Present AR Tactics

For fiscal year 2018, four ARs with six tactics are under the purview of the Safety Committee. Mike Smith explained that the tactics would be presented to the committee by the contractors for the individual members to score. One score sheet should be tuned in to the committee liaison. Committee members retain the second score sheet which should include their comments as well as their score.

The AR tactics presented were:

- National Livestock Producers Association, #1831-II, Tactics 6A, 6B, 6C – antibiotics symposium, presented by Eric Moore and Katie Ambrose
- National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, #1810-R, Tactic 6A – safety research and scientific affairs, presented by Mandy Carr Johnson
- National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, #1830-II, Tactic 1C – Beef Quality Assurance, presented by Mandy Carr Johnson
- Foundation for Meat and Poultry Research and Education (NAMI), #1811-R Tactic 6A – post-harvest beef safety, presented by Susan Backus

At the conclusion of the presentations, the committee requested all contractors to be available to answer questions during the final scoring of the AR tactics on Friday morning.

The committee meeting recessed at 4:13 p.m. to be reconvened at 9:15 AM, Friday morning.

Day 2

The committee reconvened at 9:15 AM, Friday, July 14. The co-chairs, Scott Niess and Mike Smith led a review of the LRP strategies chosen as priorities by the Safety Committee and a discussion of the Safety Committee Purpose Statement.

The co-chairs explained the tactic scores had been averaged and it was the responsibility of the committee to agree on comments to help contractors make improvements in their tactics and provide guidance to the BPOC.

Engage Contractors for Additional Information

The average scores for the contractors were:

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AR Scoring Information				Tactic #	Score
	AR	Contractor	Tactic Name		
1	1831-II	NLPA	Symposium Development	6A	3.9
2	1831-II	NLPA	Producer Engagement	6B	4.1
3	1831-II	NLPA	Digital Content Creation & Management	6C	3.5
4	1810-R	NCBA	Safety Research and Scientific Affairs	6A	4.2
5	1830-II	NCBA	Beef Quality Assurance	1C	4.3
6	1811-R	NAMI Foundation	Post-harvest Beef Safety Research, Knowledge Dissemination and Stakeholder Engagement	6A	4.4

Committee members at tables of six had a Q & A discussion with representatives of the contractors who submitted AR tactics to the Safety Committee. The comments from the discussions will be submitted to the contractors.

Wrap-Up and Next Steps

Scott Niess explained that the AR scores approved by the Safety Committee will be presented at the CBB Board Meeting from 4:00 – 6:00 PM Friday, July 14 and the NCBA Board Meeting on Saturday, 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM. Before submitting to the Operating Committee, contractors will make final revisions to their ARs taking into consideration the recommendations of the Safety Committee.

Open Forum

Committee chairs asked for comments from committee members about this year's committee process. Mike Smith said a better understanding of the history of the committee and its initiatives to improve the safety of beef would be important information to help the committee understand what is important and establish priorities.

Committee members asked about the funding process and how ARs are prioritized. Members requested a range be given with the tactic scores, not just the average scores. The chairs explained the comments will be most useful to the BPOC in determining funding.

Dawn Caldwell asked if committee members would be interested in learning what was funded (by AR and tactic). Most said they would like to know the outcomes.

A committee member requested that next year the proposed ARs and tactics (summary) be linked to the Committee Agenda so he would know what was being presented before the meeting.

Adjournment

Mike Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.