



**Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group (EWBG) General Meeting held Thursday 17th of March, 2022
at Merredin Community Resource Centre, Conference Room, Merredin.**

Chairperson: Steve Palm.

1. Opening of Meeting: 10.46pm.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

- a. Attendance:** Steve Hunt, Mark Crees, Stuart McEwan, Ross Della Bosca, Peter Barnes, Steve Palm, Gary Guerini, Scott Stirrat, Adrian Chesson, Ron Burro, Romolo Patroni, Len Armstrong, Nathan Richards, Tom Mulcahy, Clinton Mullen, Jim Sullivan, Lisa O'Neill, Lindon Mellor.
- b. Apologies:** Dean Sinclair, Kelly Manning.

Disclosure of Interests:

Jim Sullivan – member of the Sheep and Goat and the Grains and the Grain, Hay and Seeds Industry Funding Scheme (IFS) Committee.

Steve Palm – Chairperson noted that Lisa O'Neill the Executive Officer was a family member.

3. Confirmation of Minutes:

- a.** Meeting held 28th of December 2021, via TEAMS.

Motion:

That the minutes presented from the meeting held on the 28th of December 2021 are accepted as a true and accurate record.

***Moved: S. Stirrat. Seconded: M. Crees.
Carried.***

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

- a.** Bait Freezer update.

Due to changing business needs, DPIRD now requires use of the shed currently occupied by Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group at our Southern Cross location. DPIRD can offer some space in the Southern Cross compound should Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group wish to set up a chiller/s and/or storage unit to store preprepared wild dog baits, frozen meat and other items. Provision of and setting up of this infrastructure, including connection of electricity to Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group infrastructure will need to be arranged and paid for by Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group. In addition, DPIRD would require Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group to install and run a remote temperature monitoring system on the chiller/s to enable remote monitoring of temperature and ensure no decay of the contents.

Action: Letter to DPIRD expressing EWBG's disappointment that the LPMT's are no longer able to use the current bait freezer at DPIRD's depot in Southern Cross and the expense of setting up a new solution.



Action: The EWBG are requesting that in the future each contracted LPMT will obtain and maintain their own bait freezer going forward. The EWBG will provide a once off allowance to cover the cost of the freezer and the locked storage system. This allowance will be to the value of \$1500.

5. Adoption of Financial Statement:

- a. 2021/22 Financial position presented.

Motion:

That the financials presented to be accepted as true and accurate.

**Moved: G. Guerini. Seconded: M. Crees
Carried.**

6. Correspondence:

- a. Inward/Outward Correspondence

Motion:

That all correspondence presented be considered and accepted.

**Moved: R. Patroni. Seconded: M. Crees.
Carried.**

7. Agenda Items

- a. **Conflict of Interest**

Motion:

That the Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group will adopt the Declaration of Interest Policy.

**Moved: S. Stirrat. Seconded: L. Armstrong.
Carried.**

b. DBCA Update – Adrian Chesson

- New employee Desmond Lawson on a 6-month contract until July 2022. Desmond has begun getting to know the area and will give Malcolm some time to sort his health concerns.
- Have begun 1080 sign replacement, expect that this will run into next financial year, total of 145 sites to either be removed replaced or upgraded.
- Adrian hoping to meet face to face with DPIRD to discuss extending permits however with the current situation may have to do this remotely.

11.12am Michael Britton entered the meeting via zoom.

- c. **EWBG LPMT (Dogger) Update as per reports.**



d. DPIRD update – Michael Britton.

- The Office of Recognised Biosecurity Groups (ORBG) are working on ensuring all 14 RBG's are progressing toward their next DPA Transfer according to new criteria.
- ORBG evaluation of RBGs' proposed 2022/23 Operational Plans.
- The commencement of the Minister's DPR consultation has occurred.
- ProcessWorx WHSMS work to date (EWBG have been on working group but very broad and brief).

e. WHS Update – Lisa O'Neill

Executive Officer met with Process Work, draft WHS Policy and Procedure being updated, working with other Group's EO's to finalise this policy.

General Business

L. Armstrong brought to the attention of the group the continued concerns of Wild Dogs in the Lake Magenta region. Currently there are no control practices occurring in the area and it is important that the EWBG continue their awareness of this area.

8. Next Meeting: TBC -Annual General Meeting: 14th of September 2022.

9. Close of Meeting: 11.54pm.