



Rhode Island Livestock Welfare & Care Standards Advisory Council

Rhode Island Livestock and Care Standards Advisory Council Minutes September 12, 2013

Members Present: Chairman Scott Marshall, State Vet, Secretary Al Bettencourt, RI Farm Bureau, Joe Warzycha, RISPCA, Christie Smith, Potter League, Louis Vinagro, RI Raised Livestock, Rick Rhodes, URI, Debora Bresch, ASPCA

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:05

Discussion of Guidelines for Animal Care: The council looked at three documents regarding Guidelines for proper care of livestock. The documents were, the "AVMA Guidelines for Euthanasia of Animals: 2013 Edition", "Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Research and Teaching: Third Edition", and the "Ohio Livestock Care Standards". Debora asked for more time for the ASPCA to study the Euthanasia document. All council members will review the documents and we will adopt certain sections for the RI Guidelines at a future meeting.

Legislation: Scott suggested that we needed to change the legislation that makes certain routine practices, such as castration of newly born pigs, illegal, unless performed by a licensed veterinarian. Debora said the ASPCA will probably introduce legislation regarding battery cages used for chickens.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the RILCSAC will be December 12.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Al Bettencourt
Secretary