

Summary of the main points of the SBA Board Meeting held on the 12th of December 2019 at 12.30pm

- The minutes of the meetings held on the 1st and 29th of August were approved.
- It was reported that discussions had taken place to consider the formation of a producer group in Aberdeenshire. Further talks were planned to discuss the issue further.
- The Chairman had met with Cabinet Secretary to discuss how the convergence money that was to be paid to producers would be dealt with.
- A meeting had taken place with the Cabinet Secretary to discuss the Agriculture Bill. The idea behind the Bill was to protect Scotland from the impact of Brexit.
- Meetings had been held to discuss a proposed RSPB Grazing project in Ayrshire.
- An announcement was due in the near future on LFASS payments for 2020.
- The meeting was informed that a letter had been sent out by the Scottish Government regarding Phase 5 of the BVD scheme.
- Mr Neil McCorkindale announced that he wished to stand down as Chairman of the SBA. Following a discussion, the following were elected as Office Bearers for the year: -
Chairman: Mr David Barron
Vice Chairman: Mr Paul Ross
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- A report of the current areas of activity being undertaken by the NBA was given.
- A case of an alleged fraud that could result in some adverse publicity for the beef industry that could have a detrimental impact on its reputation was brought to the attention of the Board.
- There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.54pm