I.  Welcome:

AEM Director of Agriculture Product Management Anita Sennett welcomed the two participants and thanked Kinze for offering to host the meeting. She noted that given such a small group, we would proceed with discussion across the table on both the Fugitive Dust legislative activities and the specifics of the soon to be launched Latin America stats program for seeders and planters.

II. Group Chairman:

Anita noted that Brian McKown, COO of Kinze and AEM Ag Sector Board member, agreed to accept the Chairman position for this group.

III. Fugitive Dust Legislative Activities Update:

AEM Director Government Affairs Nick Tindall provided background on various actions taken and proposed by U.S. and Canadian EPA, other industry activities and AEM achievements and pending activities, including:

- Canadian EPA’s intent to publish a document steering farmers towards the purchase of one type of planter over another. AEM successfully stopped the publication of that document.

- Canadian EPA’s intent to mandate that farmers attach dust shields to all planters/seeders. AEM was able to persuade them to drop this, noting that there is no science based research indicating that these shields would make a difference, not to mention the difficulty involved considering the number of models of planters/seeders, cost, etc..
The recent development of an ISO standard. AEM presented on this standard at the Spring CropLife Seminar and also conducted a webinar together with AEM members. The audience were USDA, EPA, bee health organizations and other regulatory officials. The intent was to illustrate that industry is taking steps to resolve the issue; there is no need to mandate regulations. EPA may also use this information when under pressure to take action by environmental groups.

- AEM, through its DC and Ontario offices, continues to monitor this situation closely and works with two coalitions of industry stakeholders to work towards an industry solution that is beneficial to all sectors involved.

V. **Latin America Planter/Seeder Statistics Program**

AEM Director, Statistics and Market Information Rex Sprietsma provided an update on the Latin America statistics program for planters and seeders. Key points of discussion included:

- Regional reporting will be state level reporting for Argentina, Mexico, and Brazil. All other countries in Latin America will be reported at the nation level.
- Initial companies participating include: AGCO, CLAAS, CNH LATAM, Deere, Jumil, Kubota, Kuhn, LS Tractor, MacDon, Semeato, Stara, Vermeer, and Woods Equipment (Blount).
- Program is expected to launch in January, 2016, with back reporting to January, 2015 (start date).
- Shipments will initially be reported, with potential for increased detail and additional products as the program moves forward.

VI. **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is to be determined.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Sennett
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