



The [REDACTED] Institute Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body

Monday 23rd September [REDACTED] /Microsoft Teams Hybrid option
Minutes

1. Attendance and apologies.

- Apologies: [REDACTED]

Minutes of last meeting:

- The AWERB committee minutes were accepted as true record of the previous meeting that took place on 26th August 2024.

Matters arising/Action points

- None tabled.

3. Presentations to the committee:

- **PPL amendment:** [REDACTED]: The committee heard a presentation on the proposed amendments.
 - [REDACTED] therapy – optimising [REDACTED] therapy using [REDACTED] models.
- **PPL amendment:** [REDACTED]: The committee heard a presentation from [REDACTED] on the proposed amendments.
 - Breeding protocol 5 amendment to use [REDACTED] then if successful to potentially use follicle stimulating hormone to superovulate cells.

4. New PPL applications under consideration by the AWERB

- None

Amendment applications under consideration by the AWERB:

- **A56-24:** reference [REDACTED] comments and considerations:
 - Adverse effects wording needs changed to give flexibility.
 - Happy to approve with wording of adverse effects changes.

- **A60-24:** reference [REDACTED] comments and considerations
 - Happy to send to Home Office.

Overseas Research projects under consideration

- **Reference [REDACTED]** (re-submission)
 - Happy to send back to sub-committee.

5. Updates and Reports

- **BVS Director update:**
 - BVS external audits will looking at all aspects of animal husbandry and management, including time motion analysis to improve efficiency. The first audit will happen November/December 2024.
 - Ethical statement being written for manuscripts, will be passed through Roslin AWERB next month.
 - Developing a BVS communications policy with [REDACTED], hope to present at [REDACTED] AWERB in 2025.
 - BVS offices have moved to [REDACTED]

NVS update:

- [REDACTED] - grant has been agreed to go to January so plan to bring them in before Christmas. Emergency vet cover has been arranged between BVS NVS and [REDACTED] Hospital.
- [REDACTED] – following on from lameness issues [REDACTED] have been moved to new shed and given antibiotics to counter act the stress of moving, this has worked.
- [REDACTED]
- Working on enrichment inhibition and has been presented at [REDACTED] 3R's day and being presented at [REDACTED] animal science excellence next week.

NTCO update:

- Ethics course started today with 65 people.

PEL Holder update:

- None tabled

Edinburgh AWERB report:

- A little quieter than last month.
- We have a presentation on a new license coming that involves [REDACTED] - license will come in October.
- [REDACTED] expected to be granted with conditions applied

Reports from Facilities

Farms

- Applied for 6 month fixed term contract for stock person to assist across [REDACTED] – has been granted.

- Farm manager post for [REDACTED] – someone doing a trial period.
- Member of [REDACTED] on long term sick – student going on guarantee hours contract to assist
- [REDACTED] – Question regarding how much funding there is.
- [REDACTED] is pushing for additional space.
- [REDACTED] - MRI and [REDACTED] has been happening over the last 2 weeks.
- [REDACTED], need to see if we can replace one or stick to 7.
- [REDACTED] under [REDACTED] challenge to try to get to 29°C.
- [REDACTED] – Doing [REDACTED] runs.
- [REDACTED] – has [REDACTED] that are all doing fine.
- [REDACTED] are finished in the building – no more [REDACTED]

- **Poultry:**

- Health screen carried out – virtually all clear, nothing unusual.
- One technician is on ethics course

- **Chick embryo room:** no report.

- **Aquaculture Facility:**

- Staffing levels are fine.
- Still waiting for external contractor to make some minor repairs.
- 2 ongoing studies, these are non-protected stages, although anticipating bringing in some wildtype [REDACTED] in October for some studies to carry on.

- **Ethics, 3Rs and the culture of care:**

- Culture of care event being held on 31st October, registration link sent out.
- Planning next year's 3R's event – looking for ideas/topics and speakers.

6. Project Licences *submitted* to Home Office since the last AWERB meeting

- None

Project Licence amendments *submitted* to Home Office since the last AWERB meeting

- A53-24: [REDACTED]

7. A.O.C.B: None

Date of next meeting: 21st October 2024 [REDACTED] Hybrid option via MS teams 1.30pm