



**The [REDACTED] Institute Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November [REDACTED] /Microsoft Teams Hybrid option**  
**Minutes**

**1. Attendance and apologies.**

- Apologies: [REDACTED]

**2. Minutes of last meeting:**

- The AWERB committee minutes were accepted as true record of the previous meeting that took place on 23rd September 2024.

**Matters arising/Action points**

None tabled.

**3. Presentations to the committee:**

- **Non-regulated work:** The committee heard a presentation on non-regulated work.
  - Developing a [REDACTED]
  - [REDACTED] affects 2000 [REDACTED] in UK
  - [REDACTED] model

**4. New PPL applications under consideration by the AWERB**

None

**Amendment applications under consideration by the AWERB:**

A73-24: (for information)  
A74-24: (for information)

**5. Updates and Reports**

- **BVS Director update:**
  - None tabled

- **NVS update:**

- Avian influenza on the rise again, facilities have enforced restrictions
- [REDACTED] unlikely to go ahead due to costings.
- Identified potential [REDACTED]
- New NVS has joined us.
- Ongoing [REDACTED] piglets.
- [REDACTED] work - [REDACTED] requested but external specialists not there on the day.

- **NTCO update:**

- None tabled

- **PEL Holder update:**

- None tabled

- **Edinburgh AWERB report:**

- Licencing challenging - ASRU sent out circulation to PEL holders with planned changes – small number of inspectors down to 6 from 24 – planning to extend licence review periods to 55 working days.
- We have 3 service licences for main species which may need to be used.

- **Reports from Facilities**

- Farms**

- [REDACTED] started next 6 [REDACTED]
  - Post advertised to replace [REDACTED].
  - Taken on a stockman on 6-month contract.

- Poultry:**

- Project with [REDACTED] being considered for the new year, seeking funding but no start date as yet
  - Cryopreservation of lines.
  - Outside area to be used once canopy fitted.

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

- **Aquaculture Facility:**

- Staffing good.
  - Study on hold with [REDACTED] due to supply issues.
  - Ongoing [REDACTED] study.
  - New PI, chair in [REDACTED] immunology starting in January.

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

- Culture of care day on 31<sup>st</sup> October was very successful, hope to hold another next year.

**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**

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- **A.O.C.B:** Thank you to lay members for giving their time to be part of the AWERB committee.

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**Date of next meeting:** 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 Roslin [REDACTED] Hybrid option via MS teams 1.30pm