



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] [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]

  - [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.

## **7.**

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