

AWERB Minutes February 25 meeting

The University of Edinburgh
Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body
Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986



Meeting of [REDACTED] AWERB on Tuesday 25th February

1. Introduction, Apologies for absence and minutes approved
2. Matters Arising - <confidentiality reminder>

Change details of meeting from emergency to additional going forward.

Matters arising: [REDACTED] PPL: grant funding runs out at the end of 2026, no future plans for funding. [REDACTED] currently working under [REDACTED] PPL at the moment, breeding of GA lines on the service licence. [REDACTED] comfortable with continued work under the PPL

Decision: committee agreed that [REDACTED] cannot hold the PPL and the only other option is for someone else to hold the PPL or for the work to be done on [REDACTED] licence. We cannot have project licence holders out with the UK holding licences.

DM PPL: If sub-committee are happy with the revised version then it can be re-submitted, otherwise it will need to come back to the committee for full AWERB.

3. (a) To consider and advise the Establishment licence holder (PEL) on new Project licence Applications

PL04-25	Minor points <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revise blood sampling guidelines to include new wording.• Some technical terminology has been included in the NTS, this should be revised.	OUTCOME Approved subject to Final sub-committee approval
PL05-25	Minor points <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NTS is too technical in nature• Mild protocols however would it be possible to include a scoring sheet, it may not be necessary.	OUTCOME Approved subject to Final sub-committee approval
PL06-25	Minor points <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scoring sheets could be added/revised where necessary.• [REDACTED] injection could be a separate step.• Numbers are low but have been justified clearly.• Very good justification of the [REDACTED] models included.	OUTCOME Approved subject to Final sub-committee approval

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PL07-25	Minor points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of comments from the scientific reviewer but none that cannot be addressed. • Add linear workflow to perhaps understand better the flow of the application. • The new licence is very similar to the last licence. • Scoring system perhaps could be clarified. Some quite low scores represent significant adverse effects. • Clear that the work on [REDACTED] is very important. 	OUTCOME Approved subject to Final sub-committee approval

(b) Amendments – for consideration by full committee:
 Additional availability [REDACTED]: approved

Applications submitted and considered by the amendment Sub-Committee

Approved:
 A03-25, A05-25

Updates to the AWERB:

4. **BVS Director report:**

- ASRU meeting: questions supplied and not answered during the call, [REDACTED].
- External audits: these are ongoing to determine if processes can be improved, future audits planned for the next few months.
- Workshops: a series of workshops planned to look at future planning, some dates are in place with additional dates to follow.
- Scientific advisory group for [REDACTED] created.

5. **NVS update to the committee**

- [REDACTED], similar incident last year. This has been discussed with the NVS and actions on how to prevent similar occurring going forward. Highlighted the importance of the impact this has on technicians etc. The group has acknowledged this and apologised.
- [REDACTED]: arranging fumigation and pest control is being organised to deal with this.
- Potential NC: [REDACTED] Submitted to the home office.
- Standard condition 18s: several submitted, one requiring an urgent amendment which is now approved.
- [REDACTED] has been found in [REDACTED] quarantine issues in place, further testing is ongoing now. Results should be available this week.

6. **NACWO update to the committee**

- NACWO meetings have been re-started, the first one has already been held.

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- Discussions on content of NACWO meetings will be held going forward.

7. NTCO update to the committee

- Standard condition 20: 40 random PIL holders selected and 18 replies received with details of records which are variable in content
- Following the audit in December revisions made to schedule 1 register

8. HOLC update to the committee

- Attended the HOLTF forum on the 10th February 25. Presentation given by the Chief Inspector on updates to the ASRU change program.
- ASC-AWERB Hub meeting: April 2nd 2pm, details circulated to members.
- Amendments: one amendment currently causing issue, reports sent via the complaints process, no response to communications.
- SC18s: ASRU will not be responding to submitted SC18s however establishments must continue to submit these.

9. BVS Deputy Director (Vets/home office) Roslin AWERB report

- Non-regulated rat study: looking at effects of analgesics and anaesthesia, review was conducted even though non-regulated, this was approved by the sub-committee.
- Potential NCs: several submitted since the start of the year including another baffle issues in aquatics.
- Handling of [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] This has been investigated and re-training on handling has been implemented to address this.
- [REDACTED]: the [REDACTED] facility will be decommissioned and meetings will be held [REDACTED]. Review of a very complex PPL conducted yesterday, many things to consider in relation to this work. Review of large poultry licence also conducted yesterday and approved subject to revisions.

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10. Retrospective Review [REDACTED] approved

Approved

11. A.O.C.B

Date of next meeting: 25th March 10am seminar room 5