



Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Board (AWERB) Minutes 25/02/20

The University of Edinburgh

Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986

Minutes of the Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body held 25/02/2020

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1. **Welcome** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
 2. **Attendance and Apologies**– please see separate sheet
 3. **Minutes of Meeting held on 28/01/20**: Approved
 4. **Scientific presentation**: The committee held a scientific presentation from a new PPL applicant
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5. **Matters arising and action point summary**

- **Discipline policy**: ongoing discussions on policy - **AP** █████ taking forward with HR to be discussed at next AWERB.
- **Openness award**: suggest that this may become an element of the annual 3Rs day potentially for 2021, to be discussed with the 3Rs committee. **AP**: discuss with █████ to progress.
- **Lay person appointment**: discussions ongoing in relation to appointments: **AP** █████/committee to consider new members as suggested.

Named person update

3Rs update: meeting is in place and organisation ongoing; some speakers have been confirmed. Openness award discussed potentially to commence this year or 2021. Replacement presentations would be welcomed at the 3Rs day and are being sought.

NVS update:

- Novel low impact pathogen at one site users informed

NACWO update (1GSQ)

- **Tube Handling**: received positively with users so far.
- Positive feedback was given relating to the performance of a new deputy manager in one of the smaller units.

NTCO update

- Training session with techs in Anaesthesia practice (practical session) completed.
- New NACWO in HRB for non-designated labs appointed.

Deputy director update:



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- Humidity (): temporary humidifiers in place which are adequate until building in closed.
- Facility Mergers: plans are ongoing and being considered presently.
- Feeding: new approaches to feeding and diet review are ongoing (currently 13 diets are in use across facilities) which hopefully will lead to standardisation.

Amendment applications submitted to the AWERB

Sub-committee review: All approved

6. Discipline policy:

- Sub-committee will be convened once discussions with HR on committee powers have been completed.
- Once the policy is agreed it will be brought back to AWERB for final approval and adoption.

7. Estates plan presentation:

The progress of the BVS Estate plan was presented with clear evidence of significant progress with all projects progressing well

8. **NTS: for local publication on our website**

- AWERB member has produced model draft of an 'in house' NTS: aim is to publish these on our public facing website.
- Consider the production of a template with suggestions for each section.
- Consider producing other examples not disease based, for example developmental biology. This could be expanded to cover other examples such as POLE work.

9. **New Lay member**:

- **AWERB**: suggestions that undergraduates may be useful members, the UAR already encourage the appointment of students to AWERBs. This would need careful consideration: to take forward

10. **AOCB**:

- **BVS Roadshows**: these are all booked in and a focus will be the role of the AWERB, plan is to include members of the AWERB from relevant facility.

Summary of above details in matters arising

Date of next Meeting: to be advised