

The Roslin Institute Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body

Monday February 27th 2023 [REDACTED] and Microsoft teams Hybrid
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 the 27th January

3. **Matters arising/Action points**

Tissue sharing: the potential of this initiative is recognised. **Action:** add as an agenda point for future meetings to consider the means of implementation.

4. **NVS update:**

• **LA:** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Following this incident the need for a more structured response in terms of contacts and actions was recognized and has been implemented. Two [REDACTED] animals developed an infection (non-procedural) and were treated, the animals were able to remain on study and continue the study.

- **Tissue sharing:** noted that this should be added as an action point going forward.

5. **NTCO update:** attended the home office accreditation meeting to discuss standardisation of training throughout UK establishments.

6. **PEL Holder update:** none tabled

7. **Edinburgh AWERB report:**

- Return of procedure exercise complete: [REDACTED] returns submitted.
- Delivering a joint presentation in March to PPL holders to assist with the preparation of their returns going forward.
- Animal data use figures: These have been collated/circulated and have been published to the animal research page.

Reports from Facilities

- [REDACTED] is very busy, new studies for 2 researchers underway in cattle with some animals moved to [REDACTED] is similarly busy with the [REDACTED] group having recently commenced a study. OPA studies are also underway as are studies with [REDACTED]. Other work has included some clinical scanning and gene therapy studies. A number of enquires for future work have been received. A technician post has been advertised and a post for a veterinary anaesthetist intern is in consideration.
- **Poultry:** [REDACTED] Cryopreservation work has been prioritised for the [REDACTED] line as the current PPL will expire in [REDACTED]. For the [REDACTED] light dimming has been implemented. Deep cleaning of sheds has been completed and there are no staffing issues, a previous [REDACTED] has returned to the facility. There are proposals in place for the accommodation of [REDACTED] as part of a new collaborative study. [REDACTED] health screens have been repeated following some positive results obtained. The repeat health screens using post-mortem tissue are negative. Building works are almost completed with no impacts.
- **Chick embryo room** [REDACTED] no issues raised.
- **Aquaculture Facility** [REDACTED]
 1. HSE will not inspect the [REDACTED] as part of their inspection on March 1st.
 2. Staffing [REDACTED] – one member of staff on long-term sick and one resignation, anticipated that an immediate replacement from the last round of recent interviews will be in place shortly.
 3. IAT have been contacted to make repairs to [REDACTED] aquaria system and service the three aquaria. Improvements to the building infrastructure have been requested.
 4. Request has been made of IAT to adjust the heights of the shelving holding the 50 Litre tanks to allow appropriate welfare observation and the installation of a CCTV system for monitoring
 5. AGRF building infrastructure has been fixed. This involved deep cleaning of the A/C units and fitting additional roofing insulation.
 6. Roslin Institute researchers do not have a study planned for the immediate foreseeable future. Improving the AGRF for welfare observations and having a dedicated CCTV system installed for studies is the current priority.
- **Ethics, 3Rs and the culture of care:** The Rehoming committee inaugural meeting has taken place which was well attended. The group will now focus on re-homing of specific species with smaller groups formed to develop processes for re-homing.
- **Project Licences *submitted*** to Home Office since the last AWERB meeting
PL40-22 [REDACTED]
- **Project Licence amendments *submitted*** to Home Office since the last AWERB meeting
A16-23 [REDACTED]
A26-23 [REDACTED]

8. Presentations:

PPL amendment [REDACTED]

Questions/Discussion:

- Exp design: Can the reasons for the extra numbers of sheep be clarified? These are required because a specific number of sheep may fail the [REDACTED], however earlier pre-regulation scanning at the [REDACTED] may be performed in order to reduce the numbers required.
- Numbers: there were some questions over the numbers required. The amendment will be checked to ensure that the numbers correlate and that the text justifies the requirement for the attrition rate.

[REDACTED] What is the criteria for the [REDACTED] on a diagnostic level? [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

9. New PPL applications under consideration by the AWERB

None tabled.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The committee were happy to approve the amendment subject to the clarification of the minor points raised specifically

- Clarification of the additional numbers required for attrition rate.
- Noted that this was a very positive refinement. The commendable diligence of the PPL holder was noted.
- Noted that the project has progressed very well, and the project is already 12-18 months ahead in terms of research goals.

[REDACTED]

11. Date of next meeting: **April 24th 11-1pm MS teams only.**