



The Roslin Institute Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body

Monday September 11th 2023 Roslin [REDACTED] /Microsoft Teams Hybrid option
Minutes

1. Attendance and apologies.

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Presentation [REDACTED]: the committee heard a presentation on a proposed additional availability application concerning [REDACTED].

Presentation [REDACTED] the committee heard an interesting presentation on a project licence application which is concerned with a new device [REDACTED]. Noted that the application will be considered at the meeting in October.

Presentation [REDACTED] additional availability application:

- Numbers: as this is an additional availability application it would be helpful to have details on total numbers: 30 calves are predicted for this. This has been based on previous work and exp design.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The AWERB committee minutes were accepted as true record of the previous meeting that took place on the 26th June

3. Matters arising/Action points

- None tabled.

4. **BVS Director update:** none tabled.

5. **Named Persons Update:**

6. **NVS update:** Natural Behaviour conference organized and has almost 100 attending (28/9/23)

- **LA:** Feedback from recent audit very good, all points except one have been addressed [REDACTED].

7. **NTCO update:** Attending meeting with the home office to look at new accreditation with training and to standardize within all establishments in the UK.

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

9. **Edinburgh AWERB report:**

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10. Reports from Facilities

- [REDACTED]: staffing: one person off (long term), interviews to be held for administrator. Studies are really busy currently, no issues, some very positive outcomes. Containment suite is up and running, first set of studies went very well.
- **Poultry** : Staff: one stockperson resigned, advertising ongoing for replacement, no major issues. Issues with automated watering system, re-implementation of manual drinker put back as a temp measure.
- **Chick embryo room** ([REDACTED]): no report.
- **Aquaculture Facility** [REDACTED]
Some tank equipment repairs ongoing, will be resolved shortly.
Staffing: one member on long term sick, a temp is in post.
[REDACTED] Future consideration to the use of the facility must be given to staffing and remit of licences (personal and project).

11. **Ethics, 3Rs and the culture of care**: Natural Behaviour of farm animals conference to be held 28/9/23.

12. **Project Licences submitted** to Home Office since the last AWERB meeting

13. **Project Licence amendments submitted** to Home Office since the last AWERB meeting

A66-23

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

A57:23: additional availability application [REDACTED]

- We should consider how work [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] We need to ensure that there is wording/approval in place for this.
- Harm-benefit analysis: the generic nature of the PPL and because [REDACTED] means that there may be limited information in terms of compounds etc. This could be difficult to assess in terms of benefits if we are unaware of test substances.
- Concerns raised in relation to how busy work is at [REDACTED] for Edinburgh researchers with concerns raised about current staff being able to complete their own studies within the facilities. However in terms of ethical review this perhaps should not be taken into consideration, noted that our role is within the content of the application and any risks to the University.
- Clarification as to who will perform the work: will this be their team or our team here.
Summary: There were a number of questions raised and further review on this PPL is required with potential revisions before the additional availability application is granted. **Action:** *recirculate to committee/sub-committee for additional comments/feedback.*

A67:23: Approval: following circulation of minor comments to the PPL applicant.

A66-23: Approved for submission

15. **PPL amendments: see above comments**

16. **Overseas research:**

OS9-23: justification of numbers, clarification of wildlife: **sub-committee approval**

OS11-23: approval can be given: **letter to go out.**

OS12-23:

Sub-committee approval

17 **A.O.C.B:** New vet is joining us at the start of December which is very good news indeed.

New member: **neuroscientist** wished to join the committee, no issue raised to this

17. **Date of next meeting:** October 23rd 2pm Roslin **Hybrid option via MS teams**