

**University of Nottingham**  
**Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body**  
**Thursday 23 May 2019**

**MINUTES**

17 Members Present, 5 Apologies, 1 in Attendance

**19/24 Minutes**

RECEIVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2019.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved.

**19/25 Matters arising from the Minutes**

**(a) Action log**

The action log from the previous meeting had been presented to AWERB and progress updates provided to members. This included:

- (1) That the SVMS Ethical Clinical Review Panel action would be signed off.
- (2) That the Chair would ensure that results from the 'task and finish' group data would be shared soon in their current form.
- (3) That AWERB would stop tracking two applications which had been outstanding for several months.
- (4) That the NC3Rs representative had e-mailed CRACK-IT applicants and the single paw refinement was moving forwards.
- (5) That the HOI had put AWERB in touch with other establishments for sharing best practice when work is taking place abroad. The NACWO would schedule a reminder to Faculties in September on the process for notifying AWERB of work occurring abroad.

**(b) Applications considered at last meeting [Minute 19/15]**

REPORTED: That one application had been sent to the HO for approval and three draft applications were on ASPeL to be assessed by the HOI before formal submission.

**19/26 Chair's Business**

**(a) Membership**

REPORTED: That two members had agreed to continue on the AWERB for another term, one member had resigned and a replacement would be sought by the NACWO, and one new Lay Member had joined AWERB.

## **19/27 Project Licence Applications**

### **(a) Dr AA**

REPORTED: That the proposed work involved determining the neurobiological basis of learned fear and its inhibition.

A series of comments were made on the application by the NACWO, NVS and Scientific Reader. Questioning primarily focused around the number of procedures, adverse effects, design and human end points.

RESOLVED: It was recommended that the application be approved subject to AWERB comments being addressed.

### **(b) Prof BB**

REPORTED: That the proposed work involved investigating the nutrition and lactation of ruminants.

A series of comments were made on the application by the NACWO, NVS and Scientific Reader. Questioning primarily focused around metabolism cages, the number of protocols, life time experience and humane end points.

RESOLVED: It was recommended that the application be approved subject to AWERB comments being addressed. The Chair and NACWO would review it in the new format.

### **(c) Dr CC**

REPORTED: That the proposed work involved investigating the physiology and pharmacology of chronic arthritic pain.

A series of comments were made on the application by the NACWO, NVS and Scientific Reader. Questioning primarily focused around behavioural testing, the number of animals and surgery. It was noted that with continuations from previous licences, a section should be added to the cover form to capture the major achievements of the previous licence.

RESOLVED: It was recommended that the application be approved subject to AWERB comments being addressed.

## **19/28 3Rs update**

REPORTED: That as the NC3Rs representative was not in attendance, an update would be given at the next AWERB meeting.

## **19/29 Summary of PPL applications and amendments**

REPORTED: That a summary spreadsheet tracking progress of PPL applications and amendments was available. Three were with the HOI as drafts, five were in with two to go for amendments.

**19/30 Approvals by Fast-Track Procedure for Report**

REPORTED: That six project licence amendments had been approved by fast-track procedure.

**19/31 New ASPeL system and PPL format from August 2019**

REPORTED: That two applications would be considered at the AWERB in July with the existing format so would need to be of a high standard to ensure they were submitted in August. It was noted that the non-technical summary would change and hence the cover form might need to be changed to reflect this.

**19/32 BSU Staffing**

REPORTED: That two members of support staff and two apprentices had been employed and recruitment for an additional technician was being considered.

**19/33 Summary of Establishment Licence holder meeting**

REPORTED: That some restructuring had taken place within the Home Office and a new head of ASRU had been appointed who would visit the dairy. A new Chief Inspector was also in place and two more inspectors would be recruited. The new licensing system was discussed as well as preventing incidences of failure to provide food and water to animals and animal transport and Brexit. A new Chair had been appointed to the Animals and Science Committee.

**19/34 Any Other Business**

**(a) Office 365 Team update**

REPORTED: That this was going well apart from occasional duplicate documents. Lay people were encouraged to comment on documents in O365 using the AWERB cover form for this purpose. A separate section of the cover form will be created for the use of the NC3Rs Programme Manager.