



# ANIMAL WELFARE AND ETHICAL REVIEW BODY

## Minutes

8 July 2021

19 Present, 3 Apologies, 5 In Attendance

### 21.42 Declarations of Interest and Quoracy

- .1 A Committee member made a declaration of interest in respect to minute 21.46.3
- .2 A Committee member made a declaration of interest in respect to minute 21.46.4
- .3 The Committee was quorate for the meeting.

### 21.43 Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 May 2021

- .1 The minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

### 21.44 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

#### .1 Action Log

- .1 The action log from the previous meeting had been presented to AWERB and progress updates provided to members.

ACTIONS:		Action Owner	Due Date
.2	To update the AWERB secretary of the position of any long term outstanding actions	All Committee Members	October 2021

#### .2 Applications considered at last meeting [Minute 21.34]

##### .1 Dr AB

- .1 The Committee NOTED that the AWERB recommendations had been addressed and the application was due to be submitted to the Home Office for approval.

##### .2 Dr AC

- .1 The Committee NOTED that the application had not been progressed by the applicant since the last meeting.

**.3 Dr AD**

- .1 The Committee NOTED that the application had not been progressed by the applicant since the last meeting.

**21.45 Chair's Business**

**.1 Membership**

- .1 The Chair welcomed the new Committee members.
- .2 The Committee NOTED that two Committee members had resigned. The Chair thanked the Committee members for their service.
- .3 The Committee NOTED that all members who were due to finish their membership term had agreed to another term. The Chair thanked the members for their continued service.

**21.46 Project Licence Applications**

**.1 Dr AE**

- .1 The Committee RECEIVED papers AWERB/21/59a and AWERB/21/59b presented by Dr AE. The proposed work involved studying the impact of Vitamin D deficiency in pregnancy and on future child development.
- .2 A series of comments were made on the application by the NACWO, NVS and Scientific Reader. Questioning primarily focused on the clarity and focus of the objectives, inconsistencies in the licence and the proposed severity limits.
- .3 The Committee AGREED that the application required substantial revision and resubmission to the AWERB before it could be approved.

<b>ACTIONS:</b>		<b>Action Owner</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
<b>.4</b>	Applicant to be informed of decision and once comments had been addressed to the satisfaction of the AWERB, resubmit application to a future AWERB meeting.	HOLC/AWERB Readers	Oct 2021

**.2 Dr AF**

- .1 The Committee RECEIVED papers AWERB/21/58a and AWERB/21/58b presented by Dr AF. The proposed work involved investigating the contribution of alternative pre-mRNA slicing to tissue damage and pain.
- .2 A series of comments were made on the application by the NACWO, NVS and Scientific Reader. Questioning primarily focused on the use of analgesia and the solvents that would be used.
- .3 The Committee AGREED that the application be approved subject to addressing comments from the AWERB.

<b>ACTIONS:</b>		<b>Action Owner</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
.4	Applicant to be informed of decision and once comments had been addressed to the satisfaction of the AWERB, then the application could be submitted to the Home Office.	HOLC/AWERB Readers	October 2021

**.3 Dr AG**

- .1 The Committee RECEIVED papers AWERB/21/56a and AWERB/21/56b presented by Dr AG. The proposed work involved developing and testing therapies to prevent, treat or aid recovery from acute kidney injury.
- .2 A series of comments were made on the application by the NACWO, NVS and Scientific Reader. Questioning primarily focused on clarification of the procedures, the suitability of the species and ensuring experienced personnel would be in place to carry out the procedures.
- .3 The Committee AGREED that the application be approved subject to addressing comments from the AWERB.

<b>ACTIONS:</b>		<b>Action Owner</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
.4	Applicant to be informed of decision and once comments had been addressed to the satisfaction of the AWERB, then the application could be submitted to the Home Office.	HOLC/AWERB Readers	October 2021

**.4 Dr AH**

- .1 The Committee RECEIVED papers AWERB/21/57a and AWERB/21/57b presented by Dr AH. The proposed work involved testing and validating in situ therapies for the treatment of ovarian cancer.
- .2 A series of comments were made on the application by the NACWO, NVS and Scientific Reader. Questioning primarily focused on clarification of the procedures, anaesthesia monitoring and ensuring trained personnel would be in place to carry out the procedures.
- .3 The Committee AGREED that the application be approved subject to addressing comments from the AWERB.

<b>ACTIONS:</b>		<b>Action Owner</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
.4	Applicant to be informed of decision and once comments had been addressed to the satisfaction of the AWERB, then the application could be submitted to the Home Office.	HOLC/AWERB Readers	October 2021

#### **21.47 ASRU Change Programme**

- .1 The Committee NOTED that ASRU had implemented a change programme, with the aim of increasing efficiency and consistency of advice.
- .2 The Committee NOTED that Licenced Establishments no longer have an allocated Home Office Inspector. All enquiries will be routed through one of three specialised teams.

<b>ACTIONS:</b>		<b>Action Owner</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
.3	To circulate the ASRU change programme documentation to the Committee.	BSU Director	October 2021
.4	To confirm if unannounced inspections from the Home Office will still take place.	BSU Director	October 2021

#### **21.48 Updates to ASPeL**

- .1 The Committee NOTED that retrospective assessments for project licences were now submitted via the ASPeL system.
- .2 The Committee NOTED that the Annual Return of Procedures would soon be submitted via the ASPeL system.

#### **21.49 Guidance for Readers**

##### **.1 PPL Applications**

- .1 The Committee RECEIVED paper AWERB/21/60 presented by the NTCO.
- .2 The Committee NOTED the paper provided guidance and focus to AWERB readers when reviewing PPL applications.

##### **.2 Overseas Projects**

- .1 The Committee RECEIVED paper AWERB/21/61 presented by the NTCO.
- .2 The Committee NOTED the paper provided guidance and focus to AWERB readers when reviewing proposals for work being carried out overseas.

##### **.3 Non-ASPA**

- .1 The Committee RECEIVED paper AWERB/21/62 presented by the NTCO.
- .2 The Committee NOTED the paper provided guidance and focus to AWERB readers when reviewing proposals for work that falls below the threshold of ASPA regulations.

## **21.50 Report on Webinar - The Animal Welfare Body – a catalyst for progress**

- .1 The Committee RECEIVED paper AWERB/21/66
- .2 The Committee NOTED that AR was unavailable to present this item.

<b>ACTIONS:</b>		<b>Action Owner</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
.3	To confirm if this item needs moving to the next AWERB meeting	AWERB Secretary	October 2021

## **21.51 Proposed dates of meetings for Session 2021-22**

- .1 The Committee RECEIVED paper AWERB/21/55.
- .2 The Committee APPROVED the proposed timetable.

## **21.52 Summary of PPL Applications and Amendments**

- .1 The Committee NOTED that a summary spreadsheet tracking progress of PPL applications and amendments was available.

## **21.53 Approvals by Fast-Track Procedure for Report**

- .1 The Committee RECEIVED papers AWERB/21/51, AWERB/21/52, AWERB/21/53, and AWERB/21/54.
- .2 The Committee NOTED that four project licence amendments had been approved by fast-track procedure.

## **21.53 Non-ASPA Applications**

- .1 The Committee NOTED that a summary spreadsheet tracking progress of non-ASPA applications was available.

## **21.54 Any Other Business**

### **.1 Annual Statistics of Scientific Procedures**

- .1 The Committee NOTED that the Home Office Annual Statistics of Scientific Procedures was to be published on the 15 July 2021.