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Date: Friday, 19/07/2	24
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Time: 1.30 pm

To: Committee Members

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Subject: AWERB Operations Committee

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1. Minutes

After a small change, the minutes from the meeting on 24th June were agreed.

2. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

3. Establishment Licence Holder Report/Update

There has been no news from the Home Office regarding the audit.

4. What is happening in your unit?

There are six rats left from the group. They are very large so have been separated as they did not have enough room to move in the IVC. There is a concern they will not be used for a study and therefore wasted.

There are two 16-year-old Jays and six 22-year-old Rooks. Two birds that were rehomed have just had their first clutch. The grant has been put in for the Magpie work so there are 20 Magpies expected by the end of December.

At PPL holders tend to overestimate numbers on their protocols and use a fraction of the animals causing animal waste. There are now eight boxes of rats, it was four, but they have been split up to give them more space. There are five mice, but this is likely to rise to 150 from next week. Two rats are being rehomed as they had a fight that caused injuries.

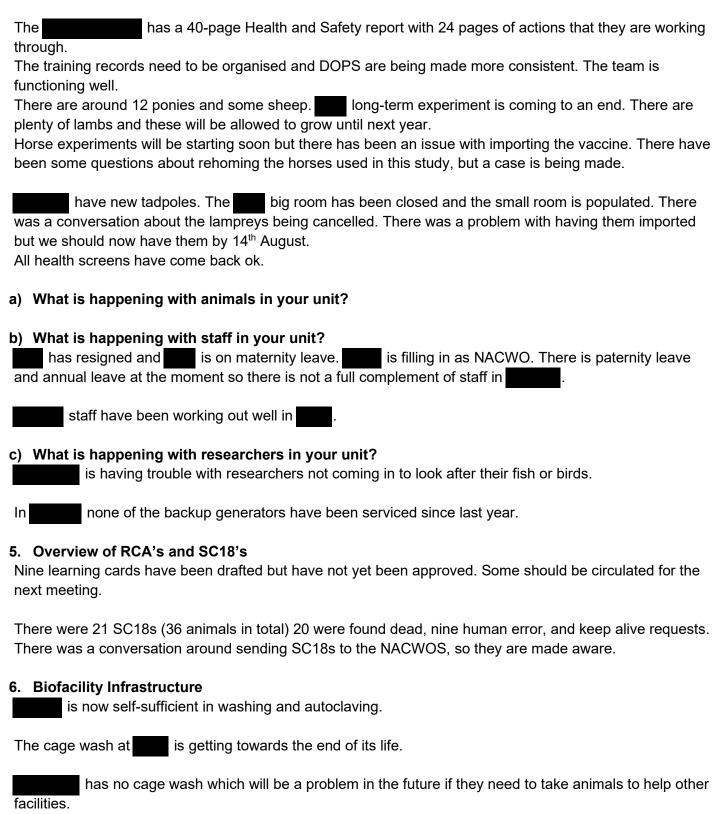
A new user has applied for funding for marmoset work. Breeding marmosets is going well and may need to stop in the future.





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The refurbishment of the ventilation started two weeks ago. The works will only cause a minor impact until the final stage when the system is being rebalanced.







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7. Health and Safety (RA's, COSHH)

There is now another round of safety inspections taking place.

8. Training and Competencies

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Please make sure inductions include information about module 6.3 and emphasise that this module should
be completed before practical training starts. There were concerns that this should not apply to certain
species and will be raised with
is producing a flow chart for new experienced users.
Please make sure DOPS forms are signed at the end of the assessment.
The will be attending the Users meetings in September so please let them know if there is anything you want them to bring up.
The Trainers' Day is on 26 th September in
The training reviews that are sent from monthly have the Schedule 1 records highlighted to make it
easier to identify who needs reassessment or any records removing. If they are past the review date, they will not be on the euthanasia record and should not be carrying out any Schedule 1 procedures. Also, if the record is not endorsed, they will not be on the euthanasia record so assessors should remind the person being assessed to endorse it on after they have been assessed.
Train the Trainer is on 6 th August, and Nominated Assessor is on 15 th August, both are in person.
The Researcher Assessor course is running in September and October. The dates for these can be found on the website.
There was a discrepancy mentioned in a previous meeting where the terminology of the DOPS and do not match. This is going to be changed so they match. There was a question about whether Trainer should be used instead of Competent to Train and whether Competent to Assess is needed at all because if someone is an assessor they will be given that role on anyway. There will be a page on with the list of the assessors.
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A tick box is being added on the animal page to say a SC18 report has been submitted. This will appear on the Home Office returns report.
9. Any other business would like to visit the units to take photos of animals for a poster she is making about unusual species and their interaction with enrichment.

This would have been last meeting. She will come in over the summer to visit.

Date of next meeting: 23rd August 2024

