

Date: Friday, 23/02/2024

Time: 1.30pm

To: Committee Members

At: [REDACTED]

Subject: AWERB Operations Committee

Attendees: [REDACTED]

Apologies: None.

Minutes: [REDACTED]

Mentioned within text: [REDACTED]

1. Minutes

Minutes from the last meeting were agreed.

2. Matters Arising

There was a conversation around the lamprey and whether they are still on their way. They are wild caught and in North America so there are issues around who has legal authority to ship them.

Minute 4 a) update about shipping animals. There was a meeting with [REDACTED] last week and they supplied some documents and SOPs. The SOP wording will be changed to include that they will check the animals. The last 2 shipments were ok, if further issues occur shipments will stop and more discussions will take place. In the next four to six months [REDACTED] are working with [REDACTED] and the strain should be available to order from Europe. They will also change to blue hydrogel so it is more visible. [REDACTED] have not yet followed up from the meeting last week.

Minute 8 – when a new procedure or training template is added to MCMS they are sent to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to check the review times.

The email reminding researchers that only UBS staff should be training and signing off for schedule 1 has not yet been sent.

3. Establishment Licence Holder Report/Update

No report.

New NIO starting 8th April, [REDACTED], he is coming from [REDACTED].

4. What is happening in your unit?

a) What is happening with animals in your unit?

There will be a new Scanbur unit in [REDACTED] to make an exercise pen for the rats there may be an opportunity to produce a poster.

There have been some hock problems in [REDACTED]. Nine out of ten NSG animals on one study had the issue. It has been traced back to one breeder. A second litter is being weaned so they will be watched to see if they have the same issue. Sudocrem™ is working really well on the lesions. The vets are collecting photos and videos and are compiling a list of treatment that works. Going forward it is important to differentiate between NSG's and other species when talking about hocks as other strains usually have hock issues from fighting.

[REDACTED] is off to visit [REDACTED] soon to see how they are rederiving mice to germ-free lines. [REDACTED] is putting some amendments in and [REDACTED] is waiting for funding.

[REDACTED] is taking a poster to Congress.

Since the cyber-attack on Monday the BMS is still not responding, and a week's data has been lost. Red care will still respond. This will be looked at on Monday.

b) What is happening with staff in your unit?

[REDACTED] has started.

14 ponies have arrived at the [REDACTED].

There was a conversation around feedback from the NACWOs regarding the training and competency email they received from [REDACTED]. It was confirmed this is not for NACWOs to chase, it is for information.

[REDACTED] is the new deputy in [REDACTED].

There are four or five temp to perm staff starting in the next few weeks.

Replacing [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] roles are ongoing.

Two new senior posts have been offered in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has offered out a senior role this week, they will start on Monday and also the last technician post has also been offered out this week.

c) What is happening with researchers in your unit?

In [REDACTED] there have been positives on health screening. Samples are still being taken. There was no mention from [REDACTED] that health screening had changed.

5. Overview of RCA's and SC18's

There are no updates on RCA's.

[REDACTED] handed out charts showing SC18's and these were discussed.

There was a conversation around keep alive requests. If there are animals that exceed weight loss but are otherwise healthy then a keep alive request can be submitted.

6. Biofacility Infrastructure



works are ongoing.

The issues with are ongoing a strategic person has been appointed. There has been no change since our buildings have been marked as high priority.

tube lock has been broken for six months.

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

starts on 15th April but has been working on some things already.

The PAT test is ongoing.

8. Training and Competencies

It has been noticed that some people are still performing Schedule 1 that have not completed module 6.3. People must complete 6.3 if they don't have a PIL. NACWOs should check when uploading training on MCMS.

There is an in-person Train the Trainer course on 10th April and an in-person Nominated Assessor course on 16th April. There will be more later in the year.

9. Any other business

Arrangements are being made for the Cambridge Festival if anyone wants to help or visit on the day. If you help on the day you can have time off in lieu.

techs have made a poster about enrichment. will send it out with the newsletter.

and are running a drop-in in in March.

Please let know if any surgery techs who would like to be part of the surgery group.

There was a request for a picture of the germ free unit for the website.

There will be an MCMS drop-in session next Wednesday afternoon in the meeting room at . There are frequently asked questions available on Moodle.

There was a question about whether there will be training rolled out for new technicians for new health concerns on MCMS. It was discussed that it is for the PPL holder to decide and that training should also include training in actual severity. There is possibly a presentation saved somewhere about actual severity.

will have a look and if found it will be sent out again.

There was a question about whether logbooks should be archived now they are on MCMS. It was suggested that 6 months would be an appropriate amount of time.

Date of next meeting: 15th March 2024, MS Teams