Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body
Un-confirmed Minutes of the 3Rs Sub-Committee Meeting
held on 1 June 2015 in the [Redacted].

Present:

[Redacted]

In attendance:

[Redacted]

1. **Unconfirmed Minutes of the 3Rs Sub-Committee held on 5th May 2015**
   The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2. **Matters arising from the minutes of the May meeting**
   There were no matters to report.

3. **Project Licence Applications and Retrospective Reviews (Severe)**
   [Redacted] noted that in the recent AWERB Standing Sub-Committee meeting a licence application was discussed. In this meeting, [Redacted] explained to the Committee that he could not use replacement animals for his research. [Redacted] expanded on this explaining to the Committee that due to the type of research and the aims of the research only primates would be suitable. However, it was noted in the licence that this justification needs to be made much clearer.
   [Redacted] indicated that the 3Rs section of the licence was not written well and very unclear. [Redacted] also noted that the expected benefits from the work should be clearer, more specific and include examples.
   [Redacted] made reference to studies that [Redacted] had carried out previously that should be referenced which would help justify the work.
   [Redacted] explained to the Committee that [Redacted] understanding of the theory is sound and he has re-written the licence previously as requested.
   [Redacted] noted there are some points that could be included in the refinement section regarding the number of animals used and that should be expanded upon.
   [Redacted] requested any comments on the licence be forwarded to her then they will be sent to [Redacted] who suggested that it would be useful to review the licence half way through its 5 year run so there is no rush. [Redacted] replied that this is an issue that the University has identified.

4. **AWERB Items**
   [Redacted] explained that the irradiation and Tamoxifen guidelines are in progress and any contributions from the Committee would be valuable.
   [Redacted] noted that there have been some Tamoxifen guidelines from Babraham that are waiting further comments before being distributed to the Committee and eventually scientists.
   [Redacted] raised the issue of water mazes and asked if there were any refinements or replacements which could or have been made to these. These would then be circulated for use in PPLs. [Redacted] noted that any refinements would depend on why these tests are being carried out initially.
5. **Unconfirmed Minutes of NPC Meeting**
   - raised the issue of using ex breeding mice as sentinels. explained this is a possibility rather than buying sentinels, however it is a vet issue that needs to be discussed.
   - queried whether sentinels could bring in disease. replied that this has happened before and that bringing animals from outside is a risk.

6. **3Rs information**
   - listed conferences coming up in the year. The animal technician NC3Rs symposium will be held on the 16th September 2015, and there will be an advert for this in the CamTec Newsletter.
   - The Primate Welfare meeting will be held on 9th October 2015 and the LASA Winter meeting on 25-27 November 2015 has a call for speakers.

7. **Any other business**
   - noted that he has mentioned the phenotype description to a colleague who was working in a similar area to this.
   - noted that a 3Rs conference would be useful.

8. **Date of next meeting**
   - 8th July 2015