University of Cambridge  
Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986  
Animal Welfare & Ethical Review Body  

Standing Committee  

Un-confirmed minutes of the AWERB Standing Committee held at 2pm on Monday 20 April 2015, 

Present: 

1. Apologies for absence  
Apologies were received from  

noted and (HOI) were in attendance.  

indicated at this point, Working Group 3 is currently looking to appoint a new Chair for the AWERB Standing Committee.  

2. The Unconfirmed Minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2015 were confirmed.  

3. The Unconfirmed Minutes of the sub groups held on 2 February & March 2015 were confirmed.  

4. AWERB 3Rs Committee Minutes held on 2 March 2015 were reviewed by the Committee.  

5. Matters arising from the minutes  
noted the suggested facility visits in the previous minutes would be going ahead with any interested Committee members to contact to arrange.  

spoke on the current progress of the licence. It was noted the PPL holder could not attend the May meeting to which indicated the licence application must come through AWERB prior to the ASC meeting. The Committee agreed to accommodate the PPL holder and would invite him to attend the sub-group meeting in June if possible.  

The requested some feedback on the questions he posed at the sub-group meeting on 2 March 2015. to arrange.  

discussed the aspects and role of the newly formed 3Rs Committee as the Governance Review proceeds. It was noted this Committee will only focus on the 3Rs sections within PPLs and not the whole licence. This will also cover the teaching and training of researchers throughout the University.  

6. Correspondence  
Nothing to report.
7. **New Project Licence Application**

The Committee discussed the retrospective review and new licence application with the applicant.

Comments raised were:

- Clarification sought on the enhancements to the use of aseptic technique.
- Clarification on the awareness of supervision levels and ethical issues.
- Adverse effects shown when using imaging and aged animals
- The use of CO2 under non-schedule 1 methods.
- More information sought on the findings from giving IP injections.
- Clarification on the need for tail tips for DNA testing.

The Committee noted the possible use of a water maze within this licence application and suggested refinements which could be looked at. [Redacted] suggested this could be looked at in the 3Rs Committee.

The Committee agreed this licence application could now be forwarded to the Home Office for approval.

8. **New Project Licence Application**

The Committee noted the current PPL was already in place at the Primary Establishment. [Redacted] indicated the Committee must understand what amount of work [Redacted] would like to carry out within Cambridge University under Cat 2 as this may not be able to go ahead. It was noted the PPL holder had taken up a role within Cambridge University without having the facilities to carry out the research. [Redacted] suggested escalating this up to UBSG.

The Committee agreed to discuss the licence with the applicant with a view to locating an area where the work could be carried out.

The Committee noted the following points:

- Addition of endpoints under Protocols 1 & 2
- Clarification on the aging and body condition control of the animals
- Clarification of the adverse effects of prions

The Committee agreed to approve the secondary availability request only if all aspects of the work are covered in the study plan and proposed accommodation is acceptable. [Redacted] to look at housing in Phenomics.

9. **Any Other Business**

None

10. **Ongoing Actions**

- Committee facility visits to arrange [Redacted]
- Proposed University Policy on surgery technicians [Redacted]

11. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 22 June 2015 [Redacted]