University of Nottingham

Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body

Thursday 30 January 2020

MINUTES

17 Members Present, 6 Apologies, 4 in Attendance

20/01 Minutes

RECEIVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2019.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved.

20/02 Matters arising from the Minutes

(a) Action log

The action log from the previous meeting had been presented to AWERB and progress updates provided to members. This included:

- (1) That recommendations from the further Task and Finish group included: financial review of BSU, AWERB/user group meetings, recruitment, Nottingham capabilities and investment in the BSU.
- (2) That a replacement member had been found and a Research Board member would no longer be required.
- (3) That a visit to Sutton Bonnington would be arranged to include lay members.

(b) Applications considered at last meeting [Minute 19/62]

REPORTED: That one application had been submitted on ASPeL. A second had been re-submitted to this meeting.

20/03 Chair's Business

(a) Membership

REPORTED: That the requirement to have a member from Research Board on AWERB would be removed.

ACTION: That lay members would be asked to comment on a specific application.

20/04 Project Licence Applications

(a) Dr AA

REPORTED: That the proposed work involved preclinical safety, efficacy and pharmacokinetics of antimicrobial peptide and antibiotic combination therapy for corneal infection.

A series of comments were made on the application by the NACWO, NVS, Scientific Reader and NC3Rs representative. Questioning primarily focused around consistency of procedures, humane end points and anaesthetics.

RESOLVED: It was recommended that the application be approved subject to addressing comments from AWERB.

(b) Dr BB

REPORTED: That the proposed work involved investigating the neural circuits of hearing.

A series of comments were made on the application by the NACWO, NVS and NC3Rs representative. Questioning primarily focused around anaesthetics, justification of procedures and humane end points.

RESOLVED: It was recommended that the application be approved subject to addressing comments from AWERB.

20/05 3Rs update

REPORTED:

- (1) That the University of Nottingham submitted six applications ahead of the NC3Rs January deadline.
- (2) That the NC3Rs representative had supported an EDA report and Project Licence Application as well as advising on animal welfare.
- (3) That the symposium venue had been confirmed and the proposal would come to the next AWERB.
- (4) That NC3Rs MSc student training would go ahead.

ACTION: The speed of roll out of the refined mouse handling by commercial clients would be discussed with the Home Office Inspector.

20/06 Policy for "Governance oversight of designated areas outside BSU facilities"

REPORTED: That this had been put forward to ensure compliance and best practice. The policy would be in place for work in designated areas outside BSU facilities. A log would be kept of the named people responsible.

ACTION: The NACWO would place this approved policy on the BSU workspace and circulate it via distribution lists.

20/07 Summary of PPL applications and amendments

REPORTED: That a summary spreadsheet tracking progress of PPL applications and amendments was available. Three had been approved, three were outstanding and four were under amendment.

20/08 Approvals by Fast-Track Procedure for Report

REPORTED: That three project licence amendments had been approved by fast-track procedure.

20/09 Project licences granted by the Home Office

REPORTED: That one project licence had been granted by the Home Office.

20/10 Any Other Business

None reported.