



# BRITISH HARNESS RACING CLUB

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## Classic Races 2010

The issue of Classic Races, principally the conditions, eligibility, funding and potential venues, has been the subject of much debate at the BHRC Committee Meetings for the last three months. A formal tender process was set up, with the normal procedure of bids being invited, to be received in sealed envelopes at the BHRC Office by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

After much debate and following a formal voting procedure, a motion was passed by a substantial majority to amend X7 (Classic Races can only be held on hard tracks with a minimum circumference of a half mile) to allow other approved tracks to hold these races. At the meeting the following tracks were approved:

Corbiewood, Musselburgh, Staindrop, Appleby, York, Tir Prince, Tregaron, Aberystwyth, Amman Valley and Ffos Las.

The envelopes containing bids received on time were opened at the full Committee Meeting on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2010 and the European Pacing Classic was awarded to the highest bidder - Ceredigion. Congratulations to them and thanks for the other two very competitive bids received from Ffos Las and Corbiewood.

However, no other bids were received within the timescale, for any other Classic Race.

Then, again after extensive debate, formal motion and vote (with a narrow majority) it was agreed that all these tracks be given another opportunity to bid for the Classic Races. Amended tender forms are available and need to be returned in a sealed envelope to the BHRC Office, no later than 10am on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2010, when they will be opened by three members of the BHRC Council who will be attending the office for the conclusion of other business. The results will be announced later that day.

Please note that none of this process has been decided by any one person in isolation, but by the full committee at all stages.

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