

BHRC Committee Meeting
Sunday 15th November 2015 at Days Inn Wetherby

Present: Roy Sheedy (Chairman), Jim McNally (Vice Chairman), Barry Delaney (Steward), Bret Strickland (Steward), Jackie Maguire (Steward), Lisa Knott (Steward), Fred Hay (Steward), Roland Pugh (Regional Steward), Robert Thompson (Regional Steward)
John Smart (SHRC), Sarah Thomas (CW), David Edwards CCB, Huw Evans (TTC), Geoff Robson (EVHRA), Lee Price (WWHRA), Craig Stevenson (MFDA), Richard Wigham (NESA)
Alan Haythornthwaite (Handicap Panel)
Kirsty Lee (Secretary)

Apologies: Anthony Fettah (YHR), Les Coward, Jim Kemp

Minutes and Matters Arising

Members informed that Mr Strickland was also an Integrity Officer.

Questions raised regarding Musselburgh dates in June.

Members informed that York had wanted Musselburgh to have the dates, the Council had discussed the issue but there was still an objection from Ceredigion to be considered.

Minutes proposed and seconded.

Minutes carried

Handicapping 2016

Members informed that the new system had been devised by the panel and any queries should be directed to them as they have the authority to put the system forward.

Mr Haythornthwaite and Mr Stevenson addressed questions and queries from members.

Panel agreed to take exchange rate at 1st January and round it up

Panel confirmed age lifts would be applied then lifts for runs

Panel confirmed that the lifts would be retrospective

Panel to discuss the runs banked by Grade 1 horses

Panel confirmed the cap for horses winning heats and final

Panel to look at issues regarding promoter information on conditioned races and editing programmes to show horse runs towards lift

Panel confirmed only conditioned races based on eight runs would be penalty free

Annual Awards

Horse of the Year

Coalford Tetrack - 1
Miraculous - 1
Stoneriggs Mystery - *majority*

Pacer of the Year

BMP - 0
Miraculous - 2
Stoneriggs Mystery - *majority*

Mare of the Year

Rhyds Art - *majority*
Shades Of Grey 6

Trotter of the Year

Show Business - *majority*
Very Cornuallaise - 1

3YO Colt of the Year

Coalford Tetrick -	6
Rewrite History -	13
Titanium -	6
3YO Filly	
Frisco Frisk -	6
Shaba Hanover -	majority
2yo Filly	
Jessies Conquest -	majority
Gabriella Camden	
Porcelain Seelster	
Overseas Horse of the Year	
Maid of the West -	1
Meadowbranch DJ -	majority
Special Contribution	
<i>All</i>	

A review of the Special Contribution and all awards discussed and agreed.

Classic Race Tenders

Letter from SHRC regarding races and tenders read to members.

Mr McNally presented a case for Tir Prince to the meeting, including that the track were negotiating a contract with an off-track betting firm.

Tenders from Tir Prince and Corbiewood tabled and opened

SHRC

Pacing Package - £2016 for one year 6th/7th August

Trotting Package -£ 1008 for one year 6/7 august

£3024 for all of those races

Sire Stakes - £2016 for one year 6th/7th August

Tir Prince

Pacing Package -£ 2016 18th September for Derby, 23rd October for EPC, 2nd October for NPD

Trotting Package -£ 702 Roosevelt on 9th September, Prakas on 16th October

All for three years

Sire Stakes - £2016 three years Sunday 25th September

Members debated whether all races had to be staged on the same date.

Vice Chairman and Mr Smart left the meeting.

Votes cast:

Pacing Package

TP - 11

CW - 3

Trotting Package

TP - 3

CW - 9

Sire Stakes

TP - 13

CW - 3

VC and JS returned

Members informed of the result of the vote.

Proposal put forward that the allocation of the trotting and sire stakes packages be reversed. Not taken forward.

2016 Fixtures

SHRC agreed to see if Corbiewood could race Saturday's at the end of the season when York finished so as not to clash with Tir Prince.

Rule Changes

Members agreed all rule changes

Criteria for Committee Owners Association

Members informed that the figures had been reviewed and agreement made that change was needed.

Suggestion that a panel be formed to deal with the issue.

The issue of one person one vote and the difficulties of getting people involved was debated.

Proposal that the criteria for membership be reduced by 25% with 50% of those still having to be licence holders.

Proposal seconded.

Members agreed

Criteria - Owners Associations/Clubs to have at least 37 members with at least 50% (18) to be BHRC licence holders.

Associations/Clubs to hold at least three meetings per annum (one must be an AGM).

NESA

Members agreed that NESA would have to provide information to confirm that the association meets the new criteria before the application could be decided.

AOB

IHRC

Issue of visitor fees questioned and suggestion that they be scrapped.

Members informed that the issue had been discussed with the IHRA in early 2015 and agreed that once some criteria that had been set was conformed with the issue would be reviewed.

Issues of registration of IHRA horses and French Trotters was discussed.

Members informed that IHRA have all the required information in their database and are the recognised Governing Body for Ireland, so therefore are compliant in terms of the BHRC rules and regulations.

Award Presentation

Members agreed that some form of presentation evening or something similar was needed possibly in conjunction with STAGBI.

Agreed to discuss and take forward