

**BHRC AGM 2016**  
**at Days Inn, Wetherby - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**Present:** Roy Sheedy (Chairman), Jim McNally (Vice Chairman), Jason Podmore (Steward), Jackie Maguire (Steward), Bret Strickland (Steward), Barry Delaney (Steward), Fred Hay (Steward), Roland Pugh (Regional Steward)  
Bob Lee (HHA), Geoff Robson (NESA), Huw Evans (TTC), Eric Witherspoon (NWHOA), Les Coward (EVHRA), Mick Welling (York)  
David Edwards, Amanda Stanley, Melvyn Eastwood, Andrea Barker, Robert Thompson, Michael Lord, Alan Haythornthwaite, Paul Amphlett  
Kirsty Lee (Company Secretary), Helen Tyler (BHRC Administrator)  
David Walsh (Accountant)

**Apologies:** Craig Stevenson (MFDA), Lisa Knott (Steward)

**Apologies and Adoption of Minutes of 2015 AGM**

Minutes proposed by Mr Podmore, seconded by Mr Evans

*Minutes carried*

**Adoption of Accounts**

**BHRC Balance Sheet & Income and Expenditure Accounts for period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

Mr Walsh reported on the Accounts

Accounts proposed by Mr Hay, seconded by Mr Lee

*Accounts adopted*

**Prakas Account for period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

Suggestions were put forward regarding investment of the fund including Premium Bonds. Item to be discussed by the Council.

Accounts proposed by Mr Lee, seconded by Mrs Maguire

*Accounts adopted*

The Vice Chairman reported on STAGBI decisions and funding for 2017.

**Chairman's Report**

The Chairman answered questions over his annual report.

Mr Amphlett raised cost cutting issues including relocating the office to a racetrack such as York.

Mr Witherspoon informed members Brightwells were to sponsor £5,000 to the Breeders Crown, so the two year old purse.

The Vice Chairman informed members regarding the insurances the BHRC had to take out for Public Liability and Personal Accident.

Mr Evans stated that he had made an approach to Redmills to cover the insurances by way of advertising perhaps on sulkies.

**Election of BHRC Stewards**

Mr Bret Strickland offered himself for re-election.

Mr Barry Delaney offered himself for re-election.

Mr Evans put forward a motion that both persons are re-elected.

*All in favour- Bret Strickland and Barry Delaney elected as Stewards*

### **Election of BHRC Vice Chairman**

Mr Jim McInally offered himself for re-election.

Proposed by Mrs Maguire, seconded by Mr Lee.

*Mr McInally returned as Vice Chairman*

### **Election of BHRC Chairman**

Mr Roy Sheedy offered himself for re-election.

Proposed by Mr Lee, seconded by Mr Evans.

*Mr Sheedy returned as Chairman*

Mr Delaney stated that he felt it sad that no one wanted to come along and be part of the Council or act as Track Stewards.

The Vice Chairman stated that he felt the day had been one of the most mannerable and civilised AGM's of late and the reason people don't come forward might be due to past incidents.

The Chairman stated that he felt it may be due to members being happy with the way things are going.

### **Appointment of Regional Steward**

Mr Roland Pugh confirmed that he was willing to continue as Regional Steward.

*Mr Pugh ratified as BHRC Regional Steward.*

Members informed that the Council had applications from Craig Stevenson and Sarah Thomas for the position of Regional Steward in Scotland. Applicants to be interviewed and discussed at Council level.

### **AOB**

Mr Lee questioned whether Tir Prince would be staging the internet betting discussed previously.

Mr Witherspoon informed the BHRC that there was an issue whereby Tir Prince would be signing away their rights indefinitely which they could not do.