

**BHRC Committee Meeting**  
**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017 @ BHRC Office, Goole**

**Present:** Roy Sheedy (Chairman), Jim McNally (Vice Chairman), Barry Delaney (Steward), Jackie Maguire (Steward), Bret Strickland (Steward), Jason Podmore (Steward), Fred Hay (Steward)  
Eric Witherspoon (NWHOA), Bob Lee (HHA)

**Apologies:** Anthony Fettah (MFDA), David Edwards (TTC), Robert Thompson (Regional Steward)

**Minutes and Matters Arising**

Jason Podmore representative for WWHRA

Eric Witherspoon representative for NWHOA & Tir Prince

Minutes proposed by Jim McNally, seconded by Eric Witherspoon

*Minutes carried*

**2018 Fixtures**

Cilmerly and H&B HRC ongoing for 24/06.

Wolverhampton date change from 30/09 to 29/09. Provisional for 17/06 can go to Cilmerly.

Pateley Bridge and Hellifield on 24/06 - Pateley Bridge to be queried as to who applied.

York - some dates may be promoted by the association that promoted some 2017 fixtures.

Tir Prince - 30/06 will be stakes races only. Saturday dates are due to better gate attendance than Tuesday nights.

**BHRC Directors Update**

Seminars -

NWSA would run an Officials Seminar.

H&B HRC would run an Officials Seminar

Agreement for an Officials Seminar to be organised at Carlisle.

Approach York to ask whether a seminar could be staged there.

Suggestion that any First Aid training needed is provided at the Officials Seminars.

Calendar -

Suggestion that any necessary entry forms are included in the first edition in the year

Office -

Suggestion that a better answerphone message be recorded for the office

**Voting Rights**

Carry issue of York to AGM

**Handicapping Update**

Issues being considered by the panel are:

- In season lifts - whether to be in season, end of season cancelled
- C Class Reduction - whether Promoters should have to stage on eligible races and whether any restrictions on number to win per season should be introduced
- Penalty Free - whether to introduce early season to try and encourage racing
- Finals of £2,000+ - whether horses winning these should be excluded from the lift system
- Reduce Grades - whether to reduce from 12 to 10 grades
- Maiden & Novice - whether to keep the Novice grade
- Framing - whether enforcement of preferred in mixed grade and ballot in straight grades should be introduced
- Money Bands - whether any changes should be made to the structure of the bands

Panel have another meeting coming up and further updates will be available at the AGM.

## **Rule Changes**

Rule changes tabled were reviewed. All passed with the exception of changes to W59, this to have further debate.

## **BHRC Officials Seminars**

*Covered above*

## **AOB**

- **A Class Driver Upgrades -**      Watson Harrop - *Approved*  
   Michael O'Mahony - *Approved*
- **BHRC 500 Club**  
    Good idea with further debate needed
- **STAGBI Update**  
    To be reviewed and members updated at AGM
- **UET representation - re rules not present to debate**  
    Members advised BHRC & STAGBI need to respond to some requests made by the UET at WTC. Sometimes this is difficult as neither the BHRC nor STAGBI are part of the debates at UET conferences. This issue being considered by the UET.
- **WTC & UET requests**  
    Main information raised that could relate to BHRC & STAGBI was:  
    Traceability of horses - agreed this is not lost by BHRC even when horses don't race as STAGBI keep records  
    Pregnant Mares - need to give consideration to the more stringent rulings in Europe over pregnant mares  
    BHRC & STAGBI to prepare a response to be submitted to UET/WTC by 1<sup>st</sup> December.
- **AGM - Anthony Fettah**  
    Members informed that Anthony Fettah has confirmed in an email that he would not be standing at the AGM for a position as a BHRC Steward