

**BHRC Committee Meeting**  
**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at Days Inn, Wetherby**

**Present:** Roy Sheedy (Chairman), Jim McNally (Vice Chairman), Stella Havard (Steward), Fred Hay (Steward), Jackie Maguire (Steward), Bret Strickland (Steward), Barry Delaney (Steward), Lisa Knott (Steward), Roland Pugh (Regional Steward), Alan Muirhead (Regional Steward), Rob Thompson (Regional Steward), Jim Kemp (SHRC/CW), Les Coward (EVHRA), David Edwards (TTC), Anthony Fettah (YHR), Mick Welling (YHR), Craig Stevenson (MFDA), Lee Price (WWHRA), Michael O'Mahony (CCB), Jason Podmore (MHRC), Bob Lee (HHA)  
Kirsty Lee (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Richard Wigham (NESA), Huw Evans

**Minutes and Matters Arising**

Minutes carried.

**Awards**

**Horse of the Year**

Saunders Mach 3 - 16  
Racezapan - 1  
Robec - 1  
Im Impartial Too - 1  
Ayr Regal - 1  
BJ's Harmony - 1  
Brywinsmagicpotion - 0

**SAUNDERS MACH 3**

**Pacer of the Year**

Sepia Sands - 1  
Ayr Regal - 19  
BJ's Harmony - 0  
Racezapan - 0  
Ontop Fugative - 0

**AYR REGAL**

**Mare of the Year**

Southsideaffection - 0  
Merrington Motion - 3  
Racezapan - 8  
Rhyds Night Nurse - 7  
SofG - 4  
BJ's Harmony - 0

**RACEZAPAN**

**Trotter of the Year**

**ROBEC**

**3YO Colt**

Ayr Regal - majority  
Rhyds Design -  
Robhall

**AYR REGAL**

### **3YO Filly**

Rhyds Rainbow - majority

Rhyds Art - 2

### **RHYDS RAINBOW**

### **2YO Colt**

Rewrite History - 2

Titanium - majority

### **TITANIUM**

### **2YO Filly**

Shaba Hanover - 9

ATM - 5

Carmel Camden - 7

### **SHABA HANOVER**

### **Overseas Horse of the Year**

Doonbeg - 13

Romeo - 4

SGlory - 2

Dollars - 0

### **DOONBEG**

### **Special Contribution**

It was suggested and agreed that all those nominated would be featured in upcoming issues of the BHRC Calendar.

*Members agreed*

It was stated that the sport had lost a valued member in outgoing Director, Miss Forrest, and agreed that as such Miss Forrest would be featured in the first edition.

### Fixtures

Agreement that York would stage qualifying fixtures on 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Agreement that Corbiewood would stage a qualifying fixture on 7<sup>th</sup> May and before then if needed.

10<sup>th</sup> May to either WWHRA or Amman Valley not both.

30<sup>th</sup> May likely to be staged at Allensmore.

York withdrew date of 6<sup>th</sup> June, retaining Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Amman Valley reinstated provisional for 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

3YO Derby advertised for 18<sup>th</sup> June at Corbiewood is the SHRC Derby.

EVHRA lodged an objection against NESA application for 12<sup>th</sup> July.

*Members discussed.*

*Members agreed NESA not granted fixture on 12<sup>th</sup> July.*

### **18<sup>th</sup> July -**

York put forward that the Sire Stakes would be better in July as September was felt to be too late for juveniles.

Tir Prince put forward that 18<sup>th</sup> July was a carnival weekend in Towyn so they wanted to race.

York agreed to stage the Sire Stakes on 11<sup>th</sup> July with no horse sale, withdraw from 18<sup>th</sup> July, but would need to race on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

### **1<sup>st</sup> August -**

Agreement that Tir Prince would be asked to consider 28<sup>th</sup> July or 4<sup>th</sup> August for the Breeders Crown.

12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> June - provisional requested for Wolverhampton

## **15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> August -**

York intended to reschedule the Rising Stars races to August as September was too late.

Main meeting at Haugh Field that weekend helps compensate for other smaller fixtures.

WWHRA raised issue with York and Boughrood on the same date as trainers couldn't attend both.

*Members discussed locations and attendance of trainers.*

Haugh Field agreed they would stay on 16<sup>th</sup> August due to other fixtures the previous week.

Chairman agreed to approach Amman Valley regarding the fixture on 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

Boughrood Committee to be approached regarding racing on 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

York withdrew fixture on 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Request made that Longnor track be inspected near to fixture date if the ground is wet.

EVHRA request to change provisional on 20<sup>th</sup> September to 27<sup>th</sup> September.

WWHRA on 27<sup>th</sup> September to be staged at Almeley.

York requested provisional dates for 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Corbiewood advised that if horses available they would race into November 2015.

## Rule Changes

*Discussions regarding the rule changes and when they could be next viewed.*

Submissions that there should be four Committee meetings per year, not to be dictated by the Council and therefore a meeting should be held in December.

Request that Classic Races be prioritised.

*Members agreed*

## Classic Races

York stated they would be happy to sign to stage the Sire Stakes for another five years after 2015, but the races would be staged in July.

Suggestion that Amman Valley should be able to tender for Classic races.

Suggestion that the BHRC should fix a date for the Derby and Futurity.

*Members discussed*

Agreement that under section X7 of the rules, tenders would be sent out to approved tracks for them to nominate dates and the Council would set dates for 2016 as soon as possible.

## Rule Changes

*Members agreed to review the rules with suggested wording so that they could be printed in the calendar and then accepted at the next Committee meeting.*

### **F9[a]**

*Carried*

### **F18**

*Carried*

### **K16**

Questions raised over what would happen if the Vet deems the horse not fit to race.

*Members agreed this was covered by other rules.*

*Carried*

### **S16**

*Carried*

### **U3[c]**

Submissions that the figure of 250 was already too expensive and any increase would put people off from appealing.

Submissions that sometimes in the past the process has been abused.

*Discussion regarding appeal refunds and forfeited deposits.*

*Deferred for further debate*

## **W5**

Suggestions that a legal opinion could be needed on this inclusion.

Clarification that the ruling would not stop the sale of a horse but would stop it competing.

*Carried*

## **W40**

Explanation given that some public trainers do not renew licences until qualifying fixtures in April but have horses in training from January.

*Discussions regarding validity of insurances.*

*Carried*

## **W57**

Submissions that a previous suggestion was for penalty to be £250.

Queries over whether a suspension would be considered.

*Members agreed a fine would be sufficient.*

*Carried*

## **Y1**

Queries over whether the Regional Steward should be included. Clarified that Council member covered the issue.

The wording had been imported from BHA and was an important inclusion.

*Carried*

## **Appendix V**

Explanation that the change would include promoter in the list of notification of a positive.

Request that promoters also informed regarding negative results.

*Members agreed*

*Carried*

## **K11**

*Members debated the reasons behind the rule suggestion and the reasons K12 had been removed.*

Wording for EIPH imported from STC.

*Members debated the need for a horse to requalify.*

*Members agreed:*

K12 - Exercise Induced Pulmonary Haemorrhage (EIPH) - Any horse found to have bled during a race or warm up shall be automatically suspended from racing for 14 days.

*Carried*

*Members agreed to carry all other issues under Rule Changes forward to the next meeting.*

## Handicapping

Members informed that the Council had agreed that all proposals submitted would be reviewed and the Council would meet as soon as possible in December and report back to the Committee with set proposal for what is going forward.

Members advised that any changes would also have to consider administration and cost implications regarding changes within the database.

## Seminars

Previous proposal that a handbook for stewards be produced as seminars are not well attended and are costly.

*Discussion regarding procedures and process, plus the support of volunteer stewards.*

*Delegated members to find previous edition of stewards code of conduct.*

*Discussion regarding a pro-forma approach to enquiry forms.*

*Members agreed to consider replicating a pro-forma system.*

## Integrity

Members informed that 47 samples taken in 2014 and 45 full screen analyses carried out.

Clarification that currently fines from integrity cases are not allocated to the integrity fund.

Members informed about outstanding fines from integrity issues.

Request that members be informed the figure of the legal fees in regard to the tribunal case.

*Discussions regarding the associated invoices.*

Chairman informed members that to present £8100 had been spent.

Request for the settlement figure to be released.

Request declined but confirmation given that the settlement figure would be on top of the £8100.

*Members discussed Company Law, share-holder information, definition of BHRC members and licence holders wanting information to explain why such amounts had been lost.*

*Chairman informed members that he would conduct an internal review regarding the handling of the case.*

## AOB

### Race cards

Issues raised regarding the font size and the trail not being published.

Members requested to submit any changes required to the office as soon as possible.

Mr Edwards offered to carry on his services with handicapping issues.

*Members thanked Mr Edwards.*

## IHRC

Members informed that the BHRC would be meeting with the IHRC shortly to address issues and a ban would be in place on all Irish entries if problems not resolved.

## York 2015

Mr Delaney stated that he wanted to clarify the situation after changes today he would still be the Chief Steward at York in 2015.

Mr Kemp proposed a vote of thanks to the new Chairman and Vice Chairman.

*Members agreed*

*Meeting closed 3.10pm*