

BHRC Committee Meeting
Sunday 6th April 2014 at BHRC Office, Goole

Present: Gordon Garnett (Chairman), Barry Delaney (Vice Chairman), Dawn Forrest (Steward),
Bret Strickland (Steward), Robert Thompson (Regional Steward), Les Coward (EVHRA),
Jason Podmore (MHRC)
Kirsty Lee (Minutes)

Apologies: Jackie Maguire (Steward), Stella Havard (Steward), Jim McNally (Steward), Fred Hay (Steward),
Alan Muirhead (Regional Steward), Roland Pugh (Regional Steward), Anthony Fettah (YHR), Glen
Watson (HHA), Gwenan Thomas (CCB), Huw Evans (TTC), Lee Price (WWHRA), Jim Kemp (MHRC),
Richard Wigham (NESA Observer)

Minutes

It was proposed that F18 should read 'no person' instead of 'the owner'.
Clarification over L9[e] requested - Issues to be dealt with under Rule Changes.
Minutes Carried.

An email was read out regarding comments made by the Chairman in a previous meeting. Members discussed the email, the comments made and possible alternative arrangements for meetings, as well as the need for discussion and debate. Members agreed that there was merit in the suggestions made regarding the Classic Race dates being set and a BHRC two day meeting at the end of the season.

Conditioned racing was discussed with ad hoc versus prescriptive, entries, race-framers and promoters input all being debated.

An email was read out and Council confirmed to members that they meet regular but do not discuss or decide on Committee agendas, they have separate business and agendas.

The definitions and differences between Promoter and Sponsor were discussed. The BHRC recognise the promoter as the person/organisation that pays out the prize money. Where it is not clear the BHRC must have clarification over who is responsible for the promotion.

Members were informed that the BHRC had received £2848 from the Sire Stakes Committee, which would be used for the current BHRC Series.

An email was read out which involved the constitution. Members discussed the cost of a redraft and the democratic stance of the current format.

Rules

Rule changes eligible for publication after final vote:

W5

Members discussed the issues. Members agreed to take forward.

E1[d]

All in favour. Carried.

E22

All in favour. Carried

F16

All in favour. Carried.

F17

All in favour. Carried

F18

All in favour. Carried

Also to be taken forward also to include No Person as opposed to 'no owner'.

F19

All in favour. Carried

H6

All in favour. Carried.

H11[b]

All in favour. Carried

K4

All in favour. Carried

M3

All in favour. Carried

Q1[iii]

All in favour. Carried

R6

All in favour. Carried

S25

All in favour. Carried

Members discussed drink driving, the legal road limit of 0.35 and discretion of Stewards.

Y1

All in favour. Carried

Appendix V

All in favour

Section Y Penalties

All in favour. Carried

Deleted:

Q11, Q15, Q17[d] – All in favour. Carried

Provision made for the Promoter under Appendix V with this to be added to the rule next winter.

All in favour.

Permission given for Mr Wesley Jones to sit on meeting as Integrity Officer

Members informed on progress of the development at Chesterfield which should be open in 2017 and stage 8-10 fixtures per season.

Update on Promotion

Members discussed new promotion and advertising ideas.

Members agreed to produce and print 1000 leaflets for each area and to subscribe to the Facebook advertising at the middle tier.

Ideas including adding videos to the website and a Hall of Fame Page were discussed and agreed to be taken forward.

Fixtures

EVHRA to report back to the BHRC regarding 15th June in writing before 11th April when fixtures would be finalised.

Classic Races

Members agreed to review the dates after the 2014 races and arrange a seminar for discussion re the suggestion from received.

Officials Seminars

The Chairman agreed to draft agendas for the seminars.

Constitution

Members informed that the BHRC could not currently change to a CIO.

Issues debated and agreed that the Council should be trusted to resolve the constitution with a recommendation tabled that the BHRC maintain the current voting system.

AOB

Handicapping

Conditioned racing and the new proposed system were discussed.

Members informed that the Handicap Panel had decided that the lift system and mercy drop system would be suspended until the end of 2014 for review thereafter.

Proposal received that Maiden horses should be excluded from conditioned racing. Issue referred to the Handicap Panel.

Track Stewards

Members informed that all Track Stewards registered in 2014 would be required to complete a registration form to bring BHRC records up to date which may cause some delays in licensing.

HR Matters – Costing Query

Members informed that the BHRC did have an Employment Tribunal case against them, a HR company had instructed lawyers and were dealing with the matter. The BHRC suspected that they were not insured but this was not confirmed. The HR firm charged a £100 per month for a five year term for their services.

Members informed that licence fees would possibly increase as they had not been increased for six years

STAGBI

Members informed that STAGBI had employed Lee Price as Secretary.

Meeting closed