

VICE CHAIRMAN'S VIEWS

Well we had the AGM and thank god that's over. In all the years I have been attending such meetings I have never witnessed such nastiness and bad feeling, totally untrue accusations made against the Council or members of it, all unsubstantiated, for example we operate a closed shop, we are not transparent, but when asked what we were concealing, no answers.

Once again I shall re-iterate we are a democratically run organisation, every Licence holder has access to a position on the Council or Committee by joining an affiliated association get the support and the necessary votes and join the mad house.

There was some good news, we got two excellent candidates elected on to the Council in Bret Strickland and Jim McNally. I am sure they will both prove to be first class BHRC Stewards. I have to thank all the people supporting me in my re-election of BHRC Steward and Vice Chairman, Thank you, I will continue to serve the

cause as I have always done. Well done to all those people & horses that won the awards, all well deserved.

The meeting wasn't all controversial. The proposals for an alternate condition handicapping system seemed to be well received, Jim McNally will be doing some fine tuning, I hope Licence holders and promoters will give it their support.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank John Menzies for the manner in which he conducted his campaign for election as BHRC Chairman, unfortunately he wasn't successful but I have to say he seemed quite relieved at the outcome and not having to accept the poisoned chalice, all the best John.

I'm sorry if my article is somewhat brief but I've been laid low recently with a stomach bug, so I am struggling.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all

Kind regards

Barry Delaney.