

**FIRST MEMBERS MEETING (REPLACES COMMITTEE MEETINGS)
held on 26th October 2021 @ 7.30pm via zoom**

Present

Darren Owen (Chairman)
Heulwen Bulman (Secretary)
John Towe (acting vice-chairman)
Will Evans (Director)
Melvyn Eastwood
Carol Jenkins (Director)
Mick Lord
Mackayla Morris
Lee Morris
Robert Millichap
Anthony Fettah
Dai John Edwards
Lorraine Westall (Administrator)
Chloe Wakefield
Julie Park (Director)
Andrea Barker
Joseph Ripley
Debbie Wakefield

Present (continued)

John Wright
Brett Corbett
Gareth Bevan (Director)
Hayley Cassells
Bill Green
Jason Podmore (Director)
Bret Strickland
Michael Bevan
Kelly Wakefield
Garry O'Grady
George Button (Director)
Barry Delaney (Director)
Joy Swinbank

Apologies

Ryan O'Neil (Director)

Chairman welcomed everyone present to the first meeting and reminded everyone that this was the first meeting of the one man one person vote and everyone was asked to mute their screens and show of hand if anyone wanted to speak and any rudeness would not be tolerated and would be removed from the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting (2nd August 2021)

Minutes from the last committee meeting were displayed on the BHRC website and proposed as being a true record by Julie Park and seconded by John Towe.

BHRC Updates - Questions submitted by members

Update on hearings for outstanding integrity tests

A total of 181 tests were taken during 2021, 104 were for full bloods & 77 blood gas tests carried out with 6 positive tests.

Integrity tests had been carried out on various tracks from hard to grass.

Members were reminded that all tests were negative until proven guilty and there were very strong protocols and procedures to follow.

External panelists would be found to hear each case individually and to make an individual assessment for each case.

Jason Podmore asked whether all results could be released at the same time as some negative results were announcements which made licence holders speculate the results of the remainder that had not been received.

Anthony Fettah commented that all correspondence should be sent to the BHRC office.

John Towe was asked as the Integrity Officer to make inquiries into the procedures of the results and report back to the members.

Due to the workload of the office during the 2021 season, there were delays in some responsible persons being informed of their results.

Explanation regarding the publishing of inaccurate handicap ratings

Due to the current Alfie database being so outdated this had caused numerous discrepancies in the handicap ratings for the 2021 season.

Medirecord were the company that had been contracted to create a new database for the BHRC and they were confident that the new system could cope with the handicap system.

David John Edwards commented that he had assisted the office throughout the season and there were over 50% discrepancies in both his manual system and the BHRC system.

A vote of thanks was given to David John Edwards for his assistance this year.

Proposal to consider digital option for Calendar

It was suggested by Julie Park that an option for licence holders to receive an electronic calendar would be given on the Licence Renewal Form, this could be built into the new database, it could be sent to e-mail addresses.

Invitation from members to submit proposals for 5th December 2021 Members Meeting Agenda

There would be an invitation for members to submit proposals to the BHRC office by 19th November 2021 in preparation for the next Members meeting agenda to be distributed.

Examples of items for next agenda could be “Releasing Integrity in batches or not” and a concern was raised regarding the general “race framing of races during the 2021 with the current new handicapping system”.

Any Other Business

- Chairman announced that he would not be standing for Chairman at the up and coming AGM.
- New computer system should be in place by the end of December 2021. This was now a joint venture between IHRA and the BHRC, to keep costs down to a minimum.
- The BHRC had now changed accountants from ABACUS Accountancy, York to PJE Accountants, Lampeter.
- Julie Park had acted as the Stewarding Panel Secretary for the 2021 where she announced there had been 219 incidents recorded. Half of the incidents were warnings and welfare issues and the other half were penalties and fines. There had been 25 retrospective stewarding issues. A vote of thanks was given to all that co-operated. Jason Podmore thanked Julie Park for her work during the season. The technology was needed to be upgraded to improve stewarding issues.
- Current directors were asked if they would be putting themselves up for re-election at the AGM, majority felt that they should be put up for re-election as then the licence holders could vote the directors in for themselves.
- Members felt that the BHRC should deal with the violence issues being using in racemeetings as many of the stewards and licence holders needed protecting and that it was unacceptable to allow this type of behaviour.
- A driver forum would be arranged in the near future.
- The provisional fixture list for 2022 was now been looked at. Tenders for classic races would be invited in the near future.

- It was announced that the AGM would be held on 5th December 2021 at 11.00am at the Manchester Airport Premier Inn, followed by the Members meeting in the afternoon. Limited spaces were available to attend in person but the meetings would also be available via a zoom link. The AGM voting slips would be posted out after the 12th November.
- Due to the announcement of the new location of the BHRC office being moved to Lampeter, it was announced that this move would no longer be taking place.

As there was no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for the attendance and co-operation to the new structured members meeting and the meeting was declared closed at 9.15pm.