

SUMMARY NOTE OF A HORSERACING BETTORS FORUM MEETING

Monday 13 January 2020, 1.00 pm – 5.30 pm

75 High Holborn, London and via Teams



Those Present:

Colin Hord - CH - (Chair)
Colin Magee - CM
Steve Tilley - STy
Sean Trivass - ST
Martin Hughes - MH
Paul Johnson - PJ
Joe Szekeres – JS
Jayne Leggett – JL
Stephen Winter – SW
Charlie Hart - CHt

In attendance:

Fiona Carlin (BHA secretariat) – FC
Paul Johnson (BHA – Head of Racing and Racecourses) – PJhn
Tom Byrne - Horseracing Betting Levy Board – TB
Jamie Hart - Product Director, The Tote - JH

Item	Action / Discussion
Chair's Update	<p>The Chair welcomed the three new members of the HBF. He noted that this was STy's last meeting and thanked him for his work and support of the Forum.</p> <p>CH felt that the HBF was making good progress. He proposed that the next HBF meeting should focus on the work program.</p>
HBf Business	<p>The meeting discussed the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HBF Objectives/Work Program updates• HBF Survey content• The use of Twitter polls and raising awareness of HBF activities.• Going Reports and Going Stick Working Group update• Shadow SP Returner• Ideas for future guests/speakers
BHA Update	<p>PJhn joined the meeting and provided background on his remit within the BHA and the recent amalgamation of the racing and racecourse teams.</p> <p>PJhn updated the HBF on a number of on-going issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Going Reports - including updated going descriptions and the Going Stick• Race Distance alterations• Low Sun• Mares in Foal notification• Race Delays• Wind Op Data –• Racehorse Weights/Trial• Replacement for TW• Sea of Cool Weight Cloth• Fixture List 2021
Tom Byrne – Horserace Betting Levy Board	<p>TB joined the meeting. He provided an introduction to the work of the Levy Board and its defined role as a non-departmental public body reporting directly to DCMS. He discussed objectives for the Levy and updated HBF on a number of on-going issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Streaming of raceday data• Sectional Timing update• Course Track initiative

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixture List planning • Four-day gap over Christmas • Non-standard race times • Overrounds
Jamie Hart, Product Director, The Tote	<p>JH provided background on his appointment at the Tote. He discussed the launch of the Tote and the types and value of bets available including the Placepot which is their biggest and most popular bet.</p> <p>The meeting discussed the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attracting new customers to the Tote • The importance of advertising Tote payouts • The range of Tote bets available • International co-mingling – UK and international pools
AOB	<p>The following matters were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPRC Modernisation • Horses moving yards • Bookmaker Account status • In-running data
Date of Next Meeting	The next meeting will take place on Monday 6 April.