

SUMMARY NOTE OF A HORSERACING BETTORS FORUM MEETING

Monday 18 May 2020, 10.00 am – 12.30 pm

Held via Zoom Video Conference



Those Present:

Colin Hord - CH - (Chair)
Colin Magee - CM
Sean Trivass - ST
Martin Hughes - MH
Paul Johnson - PJ
Jayne Leggett – JL

In attendance:

Fiona Carlin (BHA secretariat) – FC
Flynn Goward, Star Sports – FG, Item 4
Will Lambe, BHA – WL, Item 10

Apologies:

Charlie Hart - CHt
Steve Harrison – SH

| Item | Action / Discussion |
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| Chair's Update | <p>CH thanked the members for their continued efforts and the amount of work taking place behind the scenes, including the progress made on the website and the overround study, and the letters for the HBLB and the BGC. The following items were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summary of HBF meeting minutes for website• Website content• Archive documents |
| Flynn Goward – Star Sports | <p>FG provided background to his appointment at Star Sports.</p> <p>The following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The impact of racing behind closed doors• SPRC• Account restrictions• Oddschecker• Attracting younger audiences to racing• Future of Betting Ring (innovations)• Benefits of betting on course• Threats to on course bookmaking• Each-Way terms• Satellite Rings• Racecourse support for on-course bookmakers• Royal Ascot 2 year old races (first run) |
| BHA Update | <p>WL provided an update on the impact of Covid-19 on the sport and plans to resume racing behind closed doors. He discussed the relationship with government and noted excellent associations with the Levy Board and the bookmakers CEOs who had been very constructive during this challenging period. WL also welcomed the appointment of Michael Dugher as CEO of the BGC.</p> <p>WL noted the recent publication of the fixture list for the first seven days and the high demand for racing in the first few weeks of resumption, including the importance of the pattern.</p> <p>The meeting discussed the return to racing including the allocation of fixtures behind closed doors, field sizes and terrestrial television coverage.</p> <p>WL noted that discussions were ongoing regarding the 2021 fixtures list.</p> |

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| <p> HBF Business </p> | <p> The meeting discussed the following matters: </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Customer View • HBF Fixture Survey • SPRC Modernisation • HBF Objectives / work programme • Protection of funds in dormant or inactive accounts • HBF refresh • Ideas for future speakers/guests |
| <p> Date of Next Meeting </p> | <p> The next meeting will take place on 13 July. </p> |