

SUMMARY NOTE OF A HORSERACING BETTORS FORUM MEETING

Monday 10 January 2022, 1.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Held via Zoom Video Conference



Those Present:

Colin Hord - CH - (Chair) Simon Rowlands - SR

Colin Magee - CM Tim Dredge - TD

Paul Johnson - PJ Neil Bramall - NB

Martin Hughes - MH Tanya Stevenson - TS

Jayne Leggett – JL

George Ryley - GR

Ben Fellows - BF

Paul Johnson - PJ

In attendance:

Richard Wayman (Chief Operating Officer, BHA) - RW

Fiona Carlin (BHA secretariat)

Apologies:

Sean Trivass

Item	Summary
Introduction and Welcome	CH welcomed those present to the meeting and introduced his Chair's update.
Salvete – new members	CH welcomed the three new members, who introduced themselves and provided information on their backgrounds in betting and horseracing.
BHA Update – Richard Wayman	RW joined the meeting and provided an update on the following matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gambling Act Review and engagement with Government• Appointment of Tom Byrne as BHA Head of Racing & Betting• Stewarding• Quality Jump Racing Review• Going Group• Fixtures & Funding Group and the fixture list process
Gambling Act Review	The meeting discussed the HBF's engagement with government and it was agreed to correspond with a targeted list of MPs on the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum bet liability• Use of personal data and the single customer view• Finances within racing and levy income The meeting considered problem gambling in relation to horseracing and bookmaker practices such as account restrictions.
Single Customer View	The meeting noted that work continues by the Betting & Gaming Council.
Sectional Timing	The meeting received an update on the HBLB funded sectional timing project and progress to evaluate the outcomes of the project.

HBF Priorities for 2022	<p>The new members of the HBF discussed their views on the purpose of the HBF, and the meeting agreed the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased visibility and raising the profile of HBF, particularly through social media. • Promoting HBF as a consumer rights group to advocate on behalf of bettors. • Increasing awareness by, and better understanding of the views of those the HBF seeks to represent
Projects	<p>The meeting discussed progress on the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twitter • HBF website • HBF Charter • HBF Terms of Reference
HBF Survey 2002	<p>The meeting agreed the following for inclusion in the next survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-runner consultation / horses deemed to have started and the use of Rule 4. • volume of racing and the even spread of fixtures. • Trainers' representatives explanations / reasons for withdrawal. <p>It was agreed that betting related questions will be held back until the outcomes of the Gambling Act White paper are known.</p>
Data Project	<p>TS to attend a meeting with the BHA's data project manager to understand more about the project and how the HBF can input.</p>
Going Group	<p>TS to represent the HBF on the Going Group in future. SR to input on sectional timing as required.</p>
Valete – retiring members	<p>CH formally thanked CM and MH for all their hard work and support of the HBF as they step down from the group.</p>
Future guest speakers	<p>The meeting agreed to invite representatives of the BGC, Gambling Commission, betting companies and parliamentarians to attend future meetings.</p>
Date of next meeting	<p>The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 26 April in-person at 75HH.</p>