

## **SUMMARY NOTE OF A HORSERACING BETTORS FORUM MEETING**

Tuesday 26 April 2022, 1.00 pm - 5.45 pm

75 High Holborn and via Zoom video conference



### **Those Present:**

Colin Hord - CH (Chair)  
Sean Trivass - ST  
George Ryley - GR  
Ben Fellows - BF  
Tim Dredge - TD  
Simon Rowlands - SR  
Neil Bramall - NB

### **Via Zoom:**

Paul Johnson - PJ  
Tanya Stevenson - TS  
Jayne Leggett - JL

### **In attendance:**

Richard Wayman (Chief Operating Officer, BHA) - RW  
Tom Byrne (Head of Racing & Betting, BHA) - TB  
Fiona Carlin (BHA secretariat)

### **Invited Guests:**

Andrew Rhodes, Gambling Commission  
Helen Child, Gambling Commission  
Nevin Truesdale, The Jockey Club  
Richard Norris, The Jockey Club  
Charlie Boss, The Jockey Club  
Scott Bowers, The Jockey Club

Item	Action / Discussion
Chair's Update	<p>CH provided his Chair's update. The White Paper on the Gambling Review is awaited, and work is progressing to understand the criteria for affordability checks and bookmakers restrictions. CH thanked HBF members for their independent involvement on sectional timing, the quality jumps racing review and the BHA's data project.</p> <p>CH explained that he is in the process of handing over the chair to ST. However, he is pleased at the shape he is leaving the HBF in, the quality of guests attending meetings, and how the HBF is being viewed by the industry, often as a first point of contact on betting issues.</p>
HBF Business	<p>The meeting discussed the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sectional Timing – the meeting received an update on the progress of the project.</li><li>• Quality Jumps Review – the meeting received an update on the meeting with Richard Wayman and Ruth Quinn at the BHA.</li><li>• HBF website – the potential rebuild of the HBF website was discussed.</li><li>• Gambling Act Review - the White Paper is now anticipated after the local elections in May and June and any cabinet reshuffle.</li><li>• HBF Terms of Reference - the updated version is available on the website following agreement by HBF members.</li><li>• HBF Charter – GR and SR had undertaken an extensive review of the terms of the charter.</li><li>• Football Governance – CH discussed the recent announcement and subsequent media articles on the government decision. Of particular note is the recommendation about greater fan involvement in how football is run.</li><li>• Prior Expectations of new members - the new members of the HBF discussed their views.</li><li>• SPRC - the meeting welcomed the recent SPRC press release.</li></ul>

Gambling Commission	<p>Andrew Rhodes and Helen Childs from the Gambling Commission joined the meeting and provided an update on the progress of the White Paper.</p> <p>The following matters were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fairness of betting and problem gambling</li> <li>• Affordability checks</li> <li>• Data sharing</li> <li>• Single customer view</li> <li>• Account restrictions</li> <li>• Bookmakers terms and conditions</li> <li>• Loss leaders for other forms of gambling</li> <li>• Threat from unregulated sector</li> <li>• Oncourse betting</li> </ul>
The Jockey Club	<p>Nevin Truesdale, Richard Norris, Charlie Boss, and Scott Bowers joined the meeting to provide a business update from The Jockey Club.</p> <p>The following points were raised by members of the HBF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gambling related harms</li> <li>• Five Year Agreement with Playtech</li> <li>• Importance of new TV audiences</li> <li>• Horse welfare initiatives on racecourses</li> <li>• Prize money and the growth of overseas racing</li> <li>• Bettors raceday experience and cash-less venues</li> </ul>
BHA Update	<p>Richard Wayman and Tom Byrne joined the meeting to give updates on the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fixtures and race planning</li> <li>• Going Descriptions</li> <li>• Provision of information to the betting public</li> <li>• Data Project</li> <li>• Cheltenham Festival - watering</li> </ul>
Date of Next Meeting	The next meeting will take place on Monday 25 July.