

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

Friday 14 October 2022, 11.00 am – 1.30 pm

Haydock Park Racecourse



### **Those Present:**

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

### **Invited Guests:**

Andy Gibbons, Jockey Club Racecourses

### **In attendance:**

Fi Carlin (BHA secretariat)

### **Apologies:**

Tanya Stevenson  
Jayne Leggett

Item	Action / Discussion
Chair's Update	<p>CH provided his Chair's update. This was his final meeting as Chair, and he thanked everyone for their support. The HBF continues to make good progress, and the change of Chair at this time provides a good opportunity to develop key issues under the Industry Strategy, such as the fixtures overload and data provided to bettors.</p> <p>CH noted that the HBF is increasingly approached by the media for comment on betting issues.</p> <p>On behalf of the HBF, ST formally thanked CH for all his efforts.</p> <p>CH and ST confirmed that they had completed their handover.</p>
HBF Business	<p>The following actions were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The website now requires an urgent refresh inc. regular posting of news.</li><li>• Greater commitment to promote HBF activities via social media (primarily Twitter).</li></ul>
Andy Gibbons – Jockey Club Racecourses	<p>Andy Gibbons discussed initiatives by The Jockey Club to promote racing to bettors (both on course and virtually).</p> <p>The meeting considered education and the presentation of raceday information and data for those new to racing, regular racegoers, fans and bettors; noting that racing is competing with other sports in trying to attract a younger generation to the sport.</p> <p>Andy Gibbons also answered HBF questions in relation to the commercial value of races, field sizes, the Tote, and marketing and sponsorship of races, particularly around the participation of well-known horses.</p>
AOB	<p><u>(i) Whip Review</u> The meeting discussed the impact on bettors from future sanctions including disqualification.</p> <p><u>(ii) HBF Refresh</u> The meeting considered the need to appoint additional members. It was agreed that the HBF is sufficiently resourced at this time.</p>
Date of Next Meeting	The next meeting will take place on Monday 16 January 2023.