

SUMMARY NOTE OF A HORSERACING BETTORS FORUM MEETING

Thursday 1st May 2025 – 1pm start



Those Present

Sean Trivass ST (Chair)
Steve Tilley TY
Stephen Little SL
David Williams DW
Paul Johnson PJ
Ed Grimshaw ED
Andrew Banthorpe AB
Richard Coughlan (RC)
Lisa Kellett LK (Note Taker)

Invited Guests

Tom Byrne – Head of Racing and Betting TB

Apologies

Item	Action / Discussion
Minutes of last meeting	Discussed and noted that PJ requires some assistance with website updates.
Proposed changes to non-runner rules	Discussion: concerns about new jump rules. Bookmakers have been consulted. Stalls not feasible Action: ST to address concerns with BHA
Going and Going Stick	Watering: Racecourses to provide information Thirsk: Regular reports seen. BHA review is ongoing Podcast: The going stick is covered in the latest BHA Podcast
Race Starting Distances	Cheltenham discussion: Every race should start close to the start line however safety may require longer distances; a review post Cheltenham is ongoing
SPs	Completion: work has finished on a report of this Action: Publish report on the website
Bookmakers T's and C's	Discussion: terms are too complex; Max payouts should be clearer Action: ST to arrange a meeting with BGC
HBF Chair position	Discussion: ST has one year remaining as chair; term extended to complete projects that are ongoing
White Paper Progress	Contacts: EG has tried contacts within APPG and DCMS. No feedback yet
Future meeting	Discussion: meeting to be attended by ST and agreed to HBF focal points: Segregate sports betting, standard Ts and Cs, affordability checks
AOB	Sectional timings: Data ownership discussed Slack; member to check and respond to messages using Slack Next meeting: 5 th August