

NATIONAL JOINT PITCH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Aintree Local Joint Pitch Council held on Monday 27 February 2006 at the Racecourse.

Present: John Whelan, NJPC (Chairman) – John W
Jim Walmsley, NAB – Jim W
Charles Barnett, Aintree Racecourse - CB
Zoë Greenall, Aintree Racecourse – ZG
Graham Billington, RBA - GB
Mark Ryan, NJPC - Observer

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17/11/05 were approved as a true record.

Matters arising

GRAND NATIONAL MEETING TICKETS

John W said that some bookmakers and their staff would require Tatts tickets for the Friday or/and Saturday. CB said that it would be possible for tickets to be purchased from the Badge Collection/On day sales office situated close to the main entrance. John W would provide a list of the bookmakers trading at the meeting for the staff at this office.

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- a) The Badge Box and Betting Ring Manager's Office arrangements – ZG confirmed that the arrangements would be the same as 2005. John W asked that six chairs be provided (agreed ZG)
- b) Bookmakers' Entrance and Search Area – CB said it would be suitable for the Bookmakers to enter by Number 3 Entrance behind the Aintree Mound. The entrance would be open at 10am. John W would advise bookmakers of the new arrangements.
- c) Overnight storage of Bookmakers' Joints – As last year the joints would be removed to the Aintree Mound after racing on the Thursday and Friday.
- d) Transfer Badges – John W said that 50 transfer badges would be required for the 12 bookmakers and staff on each day of the meeting. John W to ensure a Tattersalls badge is exchanged for each transfer badge. John W to write to ZG regarding the above, also the car parking and Officials' Badges required by the NJPC staff.

Rails' Positions

Members agreed to defer discussion on this issue to a later meeting. A date in September would be agreed for this meeting when 'Development of Betting with Bookmakers in other areas' would be an agenda item. CB said the racecourse would then apply to HBLB for approval for any new area.

Any other business

ADVANCE CAR PARK BOOKING – ZG advised that the last day for booking tickets for the Steeplechase car park was 28 March.

RACECOURSE CROSSING – ZG said the gate at the main racecourse crossing had been moved to ease the congestion around the bookmakers' pitches in that area.