

Bath

Local Joint Pitch Council

Tuesday, 17th October, 2007

Present:

Mr. J. Williams – Racecourse

Mr. J. Clark – N.A.B.

Mr. W. Sherwood – N.J.P.C.

Apology

Mr. Sherwood stated that a verbal apology had been given by Mr. J Lovell (R.B.A.)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Sherwood read the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 22.11.05, which were noted.

Matters Arising

Satellite Betting Area. Mr. Williams referred to the discussion which had taken place regarding the possibility of new betting area near the paddock. Mr. Williams stated that plans have been submitted to the Local Authority to extend building towards the area identified. He further added that this item could be revisited once this work had been completed. This was noted.

The Future Administration

Mr. Sherwood stated that the future of the N.J.P.C. beyond September, 2007 was in doubt and it was not known how or by whom matters would be administered from that date. This was noted.

Designated Numbers – 2007

After a brief discussion, it was agreed, subject to the above minute, that numbers should be set for the whole year. Mr. Clark stated that he was not seeking any change, though he realised that the Centre Enclosure was 'no longer what it was'. At this point, Mr. Williams intervened and stated that there may be changes, as to when that enclosure may be open. Mindful of this, Designated Numbers for the whole year were set as detailed on the attached schedule. These numbers were approved.

Future of the Centre Enclosure

Mr. Williams stated that it was proposed that the Centre Enclosure would remain open at weekends and that it would be closed for mid week meetings. Mr. Sherwood queried a possible closure for evening meetings, particularly the meeting on Friday, 01st June, which historically had been busy. Mr. Williams stated that plans had not been finalised. Mr. Clark stated that he must 'fight the corner' for the Centre Enclosure bookmakers, particularly those who trade at all meetings, who are 'up against it.' Mr. Clark asked that the Racecourse consider leaving the enclosure open for evening fixtures, and re consider the position. Mr. Williams stated that the intention was to make a big 'family enclosure' at weekends, and that it was less of an asset in the evenings. He further stated that he would discuss the situation with his Company management and inform members accordingly. This was noted.

Betting Ring Layout

No member sought any change to the Ring Layouts. This was noted.

Ring Improvement Grants/Maintenance

Mr. Sherwood stated that there would be no funding from the N.J.P.C. and that any maintenance or changes would have to be funded by the Racecourse. (Mr. Sherwood reminded Mr. Williams that the strip of concrete in the Centre Enclosure was still in need of repair). This item was noted.

Crowd Behaviour/Ring Security

Mr. Sherwood stated that to his knowledge there had been no problems during the past year. Mr. Williams confirmed that there had been no ejections during the year and that only plastic 'glasses' were used. This was noted.

Date of Next Meeting

Due to the uncertain future, no date was set. This was noted.

Any Other Business

O.F.T. Mr. Sherwood stated that the investigation into the N.J.P.C. has not been concluded due to the uncertain future.

Anchorage Points. Mr. Sherwood emphasised that it was important that the Anchorage Points are kept free of debris.

Cost of Centre Betting Badge. Subject to the above, the cost for weekends is subject to the 5 times rule. These items were noted.