

Minutes of Southwell Local Joint Pitch Council
Meeting 11.30 Tuesday 31st October 2006
at Southwell Racecourse

PRESENT: David Roberts - Managing Director Arena Leisure
 Nathan Corder - Manager Southwell Racecourse
 Kerry Grace - NJPC Senior Betting Ring Manager
 Alan Bennett - NAB
 Martyn Wells - RBA

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Setting of the Bookmaker Designated Numbers for 2007.

The Committee agreed that the designated numbers should remain unchanged for 2007, however David Roberts said that this should only be effective until the 31st August 2007 as it was clear that the NJPC would not be continuing in its present form. The Gaming Act was due to come in force on the 1st September 2007 after which the Racecourses would be responsible for the administration of the Betting Rings. He further said that it had not yet been decided who and how this function would be carried out, and a further meeting would have to take place in August 2007.

The designated numbers would be as follows:-

Rails.	4	All Meetings, Turf and all Weather
All Weather	18	All Weekdays
	30	Weekday Evenings
	40	Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Turf	24	All Meetings, except
	30	The two evening meetings
	40	Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays

4. Bookmakers Vehicular access to Racecourse

Nathan said that for Health and Safety reasons Bookmakers would only be allowed access with their vehicles onto the Racecourse upto 2 hours before the start of the first race.

5. Annual Membership for Bookmakers

Alan Bennett asked if consideration would be given to Bookmakers once again being allowed Annual Membership Badges. David Roberts said that it was Arena Leisures policy not to allow Bookmakers annual membership, but he would raise the matter at a future management meeting.

6. Alan Bennett asked whether the Sunday restrictions on access to the Racecourse had changed. David Roberts said that they had employed a Consultant to see if they could gain any common ground with residents in the area of the Racecourse. Nathan Corder informed the Committee that attendances had improved year on year and in fact this year the average attendance had increased 15% on last year.

7. Date of Next Meeting.

To be arranged.

K P Grace
Senior Betting Ring Manager