

Chester Local Joint Pitch Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Chester LJPC
Held on 23 October 2006

PRESENT: N Pateman, NJPC (NP)
E Gretton, Chester Racecourse (EG)
J Warmsley, NAB (JW)
M Burton, RBA (MB)

1. Previous Minutes

The previous minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.

2. Matters Arising

NP confirmed that number one rails position had not been used all season and less congestion had been caused at the Tatts/Members entrance. The council agreed that this continue next season.

3. Open Meeting

NP reported that at the open meeting held at Chester on 23rd September:

1. More bookmakers in the temporary betting area.
EG stated that due to the lack of space the maximum number should remain at seven.
2. Future of the Dee stand.
EG said that all enclosures would operate as usual next season.
3. Drop off point for bookmakers equipment.
EG reported that due to congestion, it would be impossible to have a drop off point nearer the entrance. EG also stated that bookmakers operating in the course enclosure would have to make sure that all cars have left the betting area by 11.30am on day fixtures, 4.00pm on evening fixtures and no cars would be allowed on Sunday 5th August.
4. Can anchorage points be put in the course?
EG stated that due to the open course being public land, anchorage points could not be put in. EG did wish to remind bookmakers that it is their responsibility that their joint is safe by using other methods.
5. Why is the safety gate from Members into Tatts only half open?
EG stated that the gate would be half open due to the safety officer's requirements. This would continue during 2007 unless the safety officer's opinion changes.

4 Designated Numbers

There is a new evening fixture on Thursday 23rd August. EG thought that this should have the same numbers as Tuesday 12th June. JW and MB agreed.

All remaining fixtures were agreed at the same level as 2006.

Rails	-	14	All meetings
Tatts	-	40	31 st August
	-	55	All other meetings
Dee Stand	-	30	31 st August
	-	45	All other meetings
Course	-	30	31 st August
	-	40	12 th June, 23 rd August
	-	46	All other meetings
Goat Walk	-	8	All meetings

JW and MB both stated that even though crowd figures were roughly the same or even up on previous years, turnover had dropped significantly.

EG thought that the increase from five to seven in the temporary new betting area had been a success and wished to continue during 2007. JW and MB agreed. EG stated that he would like this betting area to be operating during the May fixture (unlike 2006) but had concerns about lack of space. EG said that he would try to fit seven in but may need to reduce this number or even apply for a new temporary betting area at a location to be decided.

EG to confirm details with NP in the new year. NP asked if they apply for a new betting area, was the plan to be using it for all fixtures along with the original area? EG did not know yet.

Council members agreed the LJPC needs to sit in the new year for final decisions.

5. Any other business

No other issues were raised and the meeting was closed.

