

Chepstow Local Joint Pitch Council

Friday, 04th November, 2006

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Mr. S. Clare – Racecourse
Mr. S. Lee - Racecourse
Mr. J. Lovell – R.B.A.
Mr. T. Harris – N.A.B.
Mr. W. Sherwood – N.J.P.C.

Previous Minutes

Mr. Sherwood read the minutes of the meeting held on 07th July, 2006, and the resultant consultation document regarding the Betting Ring layout, dated, 10/06.

Matters Arising

Save an erroneous typing error on page 4, para. 3. Should read “Mr. Clare and Mr. Lee supported Mr. Lovell.” (Not Mr. Harris). Minutes then approved.

The Future Administration

Mr. Sherwood stated that the future of the N.J.P.C. beyond September, 2007 was in doubt and that it was not known how or by whom matters would be administered. Mr. Clare confirmed that from that date responsibility would be that of the Racecourses and to that end Commercial deals would be sought for new betting areas, though the 5 times rule would continue for existing areas until 2012. This was noted.

Designated Numbers – 2007

Mr. Harris enquired if changes could be made for the coming year. Mr. Sherwood stated that they could be changed, but in the present climate cautioned against change unless for a completely new fixture with compelling reasons. This was acknowledged by all members. Each fixture was considered individually and approved as shown on the attached schedule.

Betting Ring Layout

No member sought any change to the present layout, which is confirmed: All meetings the Rails Bookmakers have a choice of all pitches. Tattersalls will use the new front line and existing back line, save on W.G.N. Day, when due to the extra demands on floor space, they will revert to the former front line (now 2nd line) and back line. This was approved.

Ring Improvement Grants/Maintenance

Mr. Sherwood informed members that the N.J.P.C. would no longer fund any changes made to Rings. Any cost would have to be met by the Racecourse. This was known by Mr. Lee. Item noted.

Crowd Behaviour/Ring Security

Mr. Sherwood stated, that to his knowledge, there had been no problems at Chepstow during the past year. This was noted.

Satellite Betting Area.

Mr. Sherwood reminded members that in the past it had been mentioned that it would be advantageous to have bookmakers in the Premier Enclosure. Mr. Clare acknowledged this and stated it could be considered post September, 2007. This was noted.

Date of Next Meeting

In view of the uncertain future, no date was set, but it was agreed that a meeting could be called if necessary.

Any Other Business

O.F.T. Mr. Sherwood stated that due to the uncertain future of the N.J.P.C., the investigation had not been completed. This was noted.

Anchorage Points. Mr. Sherwood stated that anchorage points had been supplied and properly installed, whereby there were A.Ps. in Tattersalls, in front of the former Silver Ring Stand, and behind the Premier Enclosure Stand, as required.

Reply to Letter. All members were aware of a letter recently written to them by a bookmaker expressing his concern at the change of layout in Tattersalls Ring, which was different to what he had been led to believe. Members discussed the contents of the letter and understood his concern, but were satisfied that the manner of arriving at the layout was correct and in accordance with wishes. Mr. Lovell stressed that the writer had a very good

point, see the minute of 07th July, 2007. Mr. Lee stated that as he was the Racecourse Manager concerned, he would like to reply to the bookmaker. This was agreed

Smelly Drains. Mr. Sherwood stated that he had been asked to bring this matter to the attention of the Racecourse following a recent meeting. Mr. Lee stated that the Racecourse was very much aware of the problem. He stated that the matter was to be discussed at a Board meeting, and that steps would be taken to remedy the matter. Item noted.

Mr. Clare. Mr. Clare stated that he would be leaving Northern Racing at the end of the year, but would still be involved as a Consultant. On behalf of Council, Mr. Sherwood thanked Mr. Clare for his Counsel over the past 5 years.