

# NATIONAL JOINT PITCH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting of the Cartmel Local Joint Pitch Council held on Wednesday 11 October 2006 at Cartmel Racecourse

### PRESENT:

Mark Ryan	Chairman - NJPC (MR)
Shaun Hodgson	Cartmel Racecourse (SH)
Dickon Knight	Cartmel Racecourse (DK)
Jim Walmsley	National Association of Bookmakers (JW)

<b>1.</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b>  The minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2005 were read and approved by members as a true record.
<b>2.</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>  There were no matters arising.
<b>3.</b>	<b>REVIEW OF NEW BETTING AREA</b>  MR reported to members that the betting area that had been agreed in 2005 had been found to be totally unviable. The area at the entrance to the car park at the bottom of the course was unsuitable due to the fact that customers were transferring to the inside of the course from the car park. There was also a lack of facilities (Tote, catering units), due to the logistics of where the car park was situated. This, combined with the very inclement weather on the May Bank Holiday weekend, made the area unworkable for the 2 extra bookmakers betting on the Bank Holiday Monday. A decision was made to abandon the area for the August Bank Holiday Monday with a view to reassessing a new area at the end of the season.  After a discussion members agreed to resite a new area on the south bend leading to the car park, on the inside of the course and home straight. This area has many customers in situ with people who picnic and view the racing. Toilet facilities are close by and access to catering facilities a little further away. Members agreed a designated number of 40 + 2 for the Bank Holiday Mondays (the last 2 bookmakers to pick would have to operate from this area, unless the positions had been picked earlier).

<b>4.</b>	<b>DESIGNATED NUMBERS</b>  After general discussion members agreed to leave the 2007 designated numbers unchanged from 2006 - apart from the new betting area (see above item).
<b>5.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>  (i) Members agreed on revised pitching up times on Bank Holiday Saturdays for Tattersalls of 1½ hours (previously 1 hour). The remaining pitch times were left unchanged.  (ii) DK asked MR about future administration arrangements post September 2007. MR stated that as yet no administrator had been appointed for the betting rings but that responsibility would lie with the individual racecourses as they would have to apply for their own Certificate of Administration from their Local Authority under the new Gambling Act. SH and DK stated that they had completed documentation siting present betting areas at Cartmel to be submitted to their Local Authority in January 2007.  <b>MEETING CLOSED.</b>