

Bangor-on-Dee Local Joint Pitch Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Chester Racecourse 20 October 2005

PRESENT:

Mr M Ryan	Chairman – NJPC (MR)
Mrs J Chantler	General Manager, Bangor-on-Dee Racecourse (JC)
Mr E Gratton	Clerk of the Course, Bangor-on-Dee Racecourse (EG)
Mr J Walmsley	National Association of Bookmakers (JW)

APOLOGIES:

Mr J Lovell	Rails Bookmakers Association
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1.	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2004 were read and approved by the Council as a true record.
2	PUBLISHING OF THE LJPC MINUTES ON THE NJPC WEBSITE MR explained to the members that 2005 minutes will be published on the NJPC website. JW enquired as to the reasoning behind the decision. MR stated that it was for transparency and integrity purposes, and to give Bookmakers an insight to NJPC meetings. Members were also informed that draft copies would be sent out for their approval prior to the minutes being published.
3	ADMISSION PRICES 2006 JC stated that admission prices for 2006 will be £15 for the paddock, £7 for the course, and that 'the big screen' will be a feature at Bangor next year.
4	ANCHORAGE POINTS MR enquired if the installation of the 4 anchorage points had taken place in the established paddock area. JC and EG stated that the anchorage points had recently been installed. JW stated the installation would incorporate any Health and Safety issues and Public Liability cover for Bookmakers.

5	<p>RELOCATION OF GRASS RING</p> <p>MR reported on the successful relocation of the Grass Ring area for Bookmakers who bet outside. A maximum of 6 Bookmakers are present at any one time. Generally Bookmakers are better situated facing the car park/picnic area with the bank on the left. Bookmaker's feedback was generally good, but the position was dependant on good weather. MR asked members if anchorage points could be installed to cover Health and Safety issues and Public Liability cover. JC and EG stated that they could not envisage any problems in this respect. JC informed MR that measurements for anchorage points could take place at the forthcoming race meeting on 9 November 2005. JW reiterated the need for anchorage points where possible.</p>
6.	<p>BOOKMAKERS OPEN MEETING</p> <p>Although no issues were raised from the Bookmakers Open Meeting a Bookmaker request was received in writing to members about a possible re-site of the Paddock betting area. The location suggested was to be more central in relation to the new hospitality facilities, facing the entrance between the course bar and the marquees/chalets. JC stated that the re-site would obscure the view from the Paddock Restaurant to the racecourse. JC also stated that the view from the marquees to the parade ring would be affected and EG reiterated this point. JC and EG welcomed the innovative idea to enhance customer service, but could not support a re-site as this would cause a disservice to their Premier customers in Members and Hospitality. After general discussion all members agreed that the established area in front of the Course Bar was still the best position at present.</p>
7.	<p>DESIGNATED NUMBERS</p> <p>Due to the ongoing investigation by the OFT into designated numbers MR recommended that 2006 numbers remain unchanged. All members agreed to this. Bangor race on a Sunday for the first time on 5 March 2006 and all members agreed on the upper tier numbers already set for Saturdays and evenings, these being; Rails 4, Tatts 37 and Outside 24.</p>
8.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>No other issues were raised by any of the members. The meeting closed.</p>

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Designated Numbers- 2006

Rails	4 all meetings
Tattersalls	37 all meetings
Outside	24 Saturdays, Sunday & Evenings 18 all other meetings

At each meeting, near the paddock, 4 pitches are available to Tattersalls & Rails bookmakers. Allocation by the approved N.J.P.C mechanism.

Up to 6 bookmakers may stand at all meetings in the 'grass Ring' outside (no minimum number required).

Pitching up times – Tattersalls 1hour
Rails & Silver 45mins

Mark Ryan
Betting Ring Manager- Nov 05