

## Bath

### Local Joint Pitch Council

Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2005

### Meeting Minutes

#### Present:

Mr. J. Williams – Racecourse  
Mr. N. Slater – N.A.B.  
Mr. W. Sherwood – N.J.P.C.

#### Introduction

Mr. Sherwood stated that L.J.P.C. minutes are now to be displayed on the N.J.P.C. website. This was noted.

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Sherwood read the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 09.11.04 which were approved.

#### Matters Arising

Mr. Sherwood referred to the proposal for a ‘Satellite’ Betting area near the paddock. He stated that he had been informed by Mr. Williams that the proposal would not be furthered at this time because the Racecourse intended to develop the area and build a new bar. This was noted.

#### Designated Numbers – 2006

Mr. Slater proposed that the numbers from this year be transferred to 2006. This was agreed by Mr. Williams. Mr. Sherwood pointed out that there was a ‘new’ fixture for Bath on Saturday, 09<sup>th</sup> September. After consideration the numbers were set for this meeting. Numbers were approved as indicated on the attached schedule. All members were satisfied that these numbers will meet the need of the day.

#### Betting Ring Layout

No member sought any change to the Ring Layouts. This was noted.

### The Centre Enclosure

Mr. Williams stated that the Centre Enclosure would remain open for all meetings. The cost of admission will remain @ £7.50P for all meetings. Mr. Sherwood pointed out that the ground had been badly churned up at or prior to the start of the season and that this damage had not been repaired. The concrete strip in which the anchorage points are laid had also been damaged and was crumbling badly and in need of repair. Mr. Sherwood asked that this work be carried out prior to the season. (Damage caused by H.G.V.s). This was agreed by Mr. Williams. Item noted.

Cost of Betting Badge. Mr. Williams agreed that the concession arrived at midway through 2005 be continued for 2006. That is: midweek afternoons - £28.00. Full charge for weekends and evenings. This was noted.

### Satellite Betting Area

Mr. Slater asked if the previously identified area near the paddock could be brought into use for 2006. Mr. Williams stated that this would not be done, because the area is marked for development for 2007. Mr. Slater asked if there was any other suitable area which could be identified. Mr. Williams stated that there was nowhere else at this moment. He stated that Northern Racing intend to improve the facilities over the next two to three years when an area may be found. This was noted.

### Crowd Behaviour/Ring Security

Mr. Sherwood stated that he was not aware of any problems during the past year.

During a discussion regarding the size of crowds on diverse racedays, when alcoholic drink was carried and available over all the enclosures, Mr. Williams stated that only drink in plastic 'glasses' would be used in future. This was noted.

### Date of Next Meeting

Mr. Sherwood stated that due to various uncertainties it was best that the next meeting be arranged later in the year. This was noted.

### Any Other Business

O.F.T. Mr. Sherwood stated that matters with the O.F.T. had still not been resolved.

Condition of Anchorage Points. Mr. Sherwood asked Mr. Williams if the anchorage points could be 'jet washed' prior to the start of the season as they become filled with debris/silt. Mr. Slater asked if the '4<sup>th</sup>' Anchorage

Point in the front row on the grass could be 'capped or covered' as it causes 'hassle' when Mr. Sherwood is not present. These points were noted by Mr. Williams. Mr. Sherwood added that the A.P. referred to should not have been laid. When the Betting Ring Layout was decided, it was agreed that this area was slippery and unsafe when wet and muddy due to the slope, and should not be used. This was agreed.

Mr. Sherwood stressed that it was vital that Anchorage Points were used at all times or it may invalidate third party liability insurance. This was noted.

Former Silver Ring Area. Mr. Slater asked if there was a problem with the bar which was often not open. Mr. Williams, in reply, stated that the problem was with the roof of the building which had been condemned, which also meant that there was no 'Tote'. The building will not open again and may be taken down. Mr. Williams added that a marquee may be erected, but this is not definite. This was noted.

Cost of Admission/Betting Badge. Mr. Williams stated that the cost of admission in The Premier and Grandstand Enclosures will be increased for the coming Season. This was noted.