

NATIONAL JOINT PITCH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Beverley Local Joint Pitch Council held on Wednesday 16 November 2005 at Beverley Racecourse

Present: Sally Iggulden, Beverley Racecourse – SI
Jane Johnson, Beverley Racecourse - JJ
John Stevenson, NAB – JS
John Whelan, NJPC (Chairman) – JW

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Graham Billington, RBA

Approval of Minutes

JW said that in future the minutes of all LJPC meetings would be published on the NJPC website.

The minutes of the meeting held on 16/11/04 were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

SI reported that the issuing of bin bags to the bookmakers had been a limited success in reducing the volume of litter around the joints. JW said he would issue a reminder letter to the bookmakers next year and SI agreed to continue with the initiative for 2006.

Silver Ring Closure

JS was not involved in the decisions made for this item and the next item on the agenda.

SI set out the Racecourse plans for the old Silver Ring area:-

- a) The Minster Bar would be open every raceday.
- b) The area in front of the bar would be expanded with tables and chairs for customers to sit and enjoy food and drink. Drinking outside in Tattersalls would be limited to this area.
- c) The old Silver Ring 'Fish & Chip Bar' would remain open.
- d) On the 'high days' the Silver Ring turnstiles would be in operation.
- e) Concessions on Tatts entry for certain customers were being considered.

JW set out the NJPC Guidelines following the closure of a ring. The options were:-

- a) Bookmakers within the maximum Designated Number on the Silver Ring List (16) would have the option in turn, to join the Tattersalls List from No 36, or the Course List from No 11.
- b) Retain the Silver Ring List as a Lower Tattersalls List.

Due in the main to the plans put forward by the racecourse for the old Silver Ring area, it was decided to retain the Silver Ring List as a Lower Tatts List. The Lower Tatts List would mirror the Silver Ring List and include the 'Next Ten' and 'Standby List'. Bookmakers from the Tattersalls List would not be able to pick to bet from a Lower Tatts

position and vice-versa. JW suggested two new anchorage points for the end of the Lower Tatts line and this was agreed.

It was agreed that this Lower Tatts List would be an experiment for 2006 and would be reviewed at the end of the season. If the Lower Tatts area did not prove viable, Bookmakers would be offered the choices in option A of the NJPC Guidelines (see above).

Designated Numbers 2006

Following the Silver Ring Closure and the setting up of the Lower Tattersalls List each fixture for the 2006 Season was examined, also taking a view of where the Silver Ring Customers may elect to go in 2006. The Designated Numbers for 2006 are attached. JS, commenting on the decisions, said that overall he was disappointed with the outcome especially so as in future all the old Silver Ring List bookmakers would have to pay five times the Tatts entry to bet.

Racecourse subsequently agreed to a lower charge for the 'Lower Tatts' bookmakers to bet in 2006.

Any other business

SI said that the racecourse viewed the old wooden boxes that were lying around as a health and safety issue and they wished to dispose of them JW said he would advise Paul Lorimer of this decision.

DESIGNATED NUMBERS 2006

Rails

5 All Meetings

Tatts

35 13th ;31st May/ 7th; 8th, & 24th July/ 16th & 27th August

30 All other meetings

Lower Tatts

16 13th May/ 7th & 8th July/ 27th August

12 24th July/ 1st & 16th August

10 31st May/ 22nd June

6 All other meetings

Layout – on the 'off' days the pitches available will start from No 1 with no gaps in the line. For all meetings the BRM will decide, at the allocation, the pitches to be used.

The pitches available will match the number of bookmakers attending.

Course

10 31st May/ 7th, 8th, & 24th July/ 1st, 16th, 17th & 27th August

8 13th & 23rd May/ 14th, 22nd, & 27th June/ 18th July/ 31st August

6 All other meetings