

**MINUTES OF CHELTENHAM LJPC
HELD AT CHELTENHAM RACECOURSE
11AM THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2005**

PRESENT: Edward Gillespie - Managing Director Cheltenham Racecourse
Rebecca Morgan - Clerk of the Course – Wincanton
Kerry Grace - NJPC Senior Betting Ring Manager
Robin Grossmith - ARB
George Moir - NAB

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting 29th November 2004 were approved.

2. Matters Arising

KG said that the revised pitch layout in the Best Mate Enclosure had worked well with no complaints from Bookmakers. He also said that the marking of the eight pitches in the courtyard had prevented arguments between Bookmakers.

KG said that he had received a letter from a Bookmaker asking for the number of Bookmakers in the Centaur Arena to be increased. EG said that in his view there was not sufficient space for any further Bookmakers at this time, however he would continue to review the situation in the Centaur Arena.

3. Setting of Bookmaker designated numbers for 2006

The Council agreed to keep the designated numbers unchanged for 2006. They also agreed to maintain the current pitching up times.

4. Betting Ring Layout Lower Tatts

KG stated that he had received six letters from Bookmakers requesting further pitches be added to the four near to the Hospitality area. At the annual open meeting several Bookmakers also made the same request. EG suggested that the number be increased by two to six with a view to assessing how successful that number of Bookmakers were in that area. He also suggested that we review the number at this meeting next year. The Council unanimously agreed.

EG said that the Bookmakers in those positions had been troubled by puddles of water and he would move the line back several feet prior to the Cheltenham Festival 2006. EG also said that a tarmac turning area had been created for vehicles ferrying passengers to and from the helicopter landing area. These vehicles would now cause less inconvenience to the Bookmakers in that area.

5. Any other business.

RG said that at the Festival this year Bookmakers had been using the payout area on the rail in Lower Tatts in the wrong location. KG said that he would ensure that it did not happen in the future.

RG asked EG if there were any plans to increase the Greyhound Racing at the Festival. EG said that he was in contact with senior members of the NGRC and discussions were continuing, and it was likely there would be a maximum of two races at the 2006 Festival.

EG said that he wanted to make it clear that support services working on the Racecourse for example Bet Link and Winning Odds should obtain from the Racecourse the correct entry badges and under no circumstances should they try to gain entry with their personal identification badges. EG also asked KG to inform Bookmakers that discounted tickets for the 2006 Festival would not be available after the 5th December 2005, and that tickets for Gold Cup Day would soon be sold out. KG agreed to place this message on the NJPC Website.

6. Date of next meeting.

To be arranged.

K P Grace
Senior Betting Ring Manager