

Chepstow Local Joint Pitch Council

Thursday, 01st December, 2005
At Bath Racecourse

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Mr. S. Clare – Racecourse
Mr. S. Lee – Racecourse
Mr. J. Lovell – R.B.A.
Mr. M. Jones – N.A.B.
Mr. W. Sherwood – N.J.P.C.

Previous Meeting

Mr. Sherwood read the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November, 2003, which were unanimously approved.

Matters Arising

Mr. Sherwood stated that this meeting had been called by the Racecourse, in an effort to amicably further the work to be carried out to increase the capacity of the Premier Enclosure.

Mr. Clare informed members that last year a total crowd of between 10 & 11,000 persons were able to use the Premier Enclosure. They were made up of Annual Member, Owners, Trainers, and patrons of Corporate Boxes. Mr. Clare went on to explain that other work would have to be carried out to widen the path, from the Saddling Boxes to the parade Ring, for the benefit of both horses and people. (This will mean removing the Rose hedge).

Mr. Jones intervened and explained that from pitch No. 8, (those in front of the centre of the Stand, are 'dead'.

Mr. Lee stated that the Racecourse was 'wedded' to do something, and added that there would not be a 'Tote' on the front corner of the stand. The Racecourse was 'quite happy' for the gate to be opposite where it is now, and do away with the gate at the pillar. He added that there may be further development of the Tattersalls Stand, in 2008. He further stated that the Racecourse had underestimated how narrow the area is.

Mr. Jones asked that the Emergency Exit be kept open on prime days and requested an exit from the rear of the Members Bar, whereby members could

find their way into the main Betting Ring. Mr. Clare agreed that there would be signs directing members to the main Betting Ring, and that the gap would always be fully open, in line with the existing gap. Mr. Clare added that this gap would be at least the same size as the existing gap.

Mr. Jones re affirmed that the Emergency Exit from the bar would be open.

Mr. Clare stated that the Racecourse was trying not to be detrimental to the bookmakers who are regarded as friends.

Mr. Lee re affirmed that the 'Tote' kiosk would be placed at the back where the Sweet Shop stall used to be.

Mr. Jones stated that he reluctantly accepted the position providing the provisos are met.

Mr. Lovell added that he accepted the compromise.

Mr. Clare thanked members, and stated that the Racecourse was grateful for the flexibility and workings within this Council.

Mr. Lee stated he would liase with Securit with the view to having the installation of the Rails Joints and work carried out as soon as possible.