

Minutes of the Goodwood LJPC Meeting held at Fontwell Park Racecourse 4 Nov 2005

Present: Vicki Steadman (Chair), Rod Fabricius, Robin Grossmith, Tony Styles and John Thompson.

1. At 4.45pm the meeting opened. Present VS(Chair), RF, RG, AS, JT.
2. Previous minutes were accepted as a true record of 12 Jan 05 meeting.
3. No matters arising.
4. JT said that the eight satellite pitches, introduced at the Festival Meeting on a trial basis in 2004, will continue to operate. However the Betting Badge cost of the six pitches in the Richmond Enclosure will be reviewed and costs confirmed to VS before the start of the 2006 season.
5. VS had received a letter from Norman Mander asking if the Rails Positions could be raised from 16 to 20. The committee unanimously rejected the request as the physical maximum number is 16. The designated pitch numbers were reviewed and the Rails numbers for the 3 June evenings were raised from 12 to 15 per evening. All others were left unchanged. RF confirmed that the Public Enclosure had been renamed Lennox Enclosure and it would be closed at the 3 day May Meeting next year. JT to confirm numbers with the minutes of this meeting.
6. JT said that most bookmakers had responded well to Goodwood's request to use black bags, supplied by Goodwood, to dispose of litter at their pitches. However there was a number of Bookmakers refusing to comply. VS would bring to Bookmakers' attention that use of the bags to avoid litter was included in Goodwood's Bookmakers Terms + Conditions of Work and those refusing to comply from 2006 would be subject to disciplinary action by the LJPC.
7. VS wanted to clarify the rules for admission of Bookmakers and their staff. JT confirmed that bookmakers were admitted by purchasing their Betting Badge and Bookmakers' Staff must purchase Bookmakers Staff Badges on racedays to work in the ring. No other badges/tickets are acceptable.
8. VS asked about the future of the Lennox Enclosure and following its recent closure at the start and end of the season may it be subject to further closures. RF explained that there is a plan to demolish the stand and landscape the area but it had been postponed for 2-3 years for financial reasons. He said that the closure at early and late season meetings was a result of very small attendances at those meetings. It was not envisaged that further closures would be introduced. RF also said that a new landscaped two level Lennox Enclosure would probably offer new areas for pitch bookmakers to trade.
9. There was a general discussion about the effect Betting Exchanges were having on the industry. RG said that the exchanges were driving the margins down and RF said an off-course SP may be one answer to restore the margins for off-track betting and retain competitive margins on course. RG suggested a new winnings related tax for exchanges or banning the use of exchanges on Racecourses could be other solutions.

10. AOB – JT said that any electrical system repairs to the Rails power installation would be billed to the NJPC. VS to liaise with Securit about associated problems and confirm the outcome to JT.
11. There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.30pm.