

NATIONAL JOINT PITCH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Haydock Park Local Joint Pitch Council held on Monday 14 November 2005.

Present: Mr A Waterworth, Haydock Park Racecourse – AW
Mr G Proctor, Haydock Park Racecourse – GP
Mr J Walmsley, NAB – Jim W
Mr G Billington, RBA – GB
Mr J Whelan, NJPC (Chairman) – John W

Approval of minutes

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 22/11/04 were approved as a true record.

Matters arising

- a) Members' Rail – Funding for providing a new rail and Mark 2 Rail Joints was not available in 2005 and members agreed that a renewal of the application should be forwarded to the Council for consideration.
- b) Paddock Betting Area – Members agreed to continue with the arrangement of up to three bookmakers operating on any day.
- c) Allowing drinks into Tatts – As a trial, customers were allowed to take drinks into the Tatts Betting Ring for the September meetings. AW said the racecourse had not met any problems and Jim W reported that bookmakers were pleased with the decision and business if anything had improved. AW said that the `drinks issue' would be under constant review and that the racecourse was happy to continue with the trial next Flat Season.

County Stand Development

AW said that work was due to begin straight after the 19 November meeting. Work was due to be completed on 1st June 2006. The work would involve moving the Members' Rail into Tattersalls by about seven metres. When the Rail was moved the gate would be repositioned at the top near to the steppings.

Moving the Rail would necessitate moving some of the anchorage points in Tatts. John W said he would deliver some new anchorage points for installation.

Open meeting report

John W said that thirteen bookmakers attended the open meeting on 23 September. Issues raised included the Paddock Betting Area and the County Stand Development Matters covered earlier in the agenda.

Designated Numbers 2006

AW said there were some changes to the fixtures ie. The first December Saturday had been replaced by Saturday 4 March and the August Thursday Evening fixture had gone. Members agreed numbers for Saturday 4 March of Rails 10; Tatts 45; Newton 18. All other numbers for 2006 to remain unchanged from 2005.