

Hexham Local Joint Pitch Council

Minutes of meeting held at Hexham Racecourse on Monday 21 November 2005

In attendance:

Chair and secretary	Haig Jenkinson	Betting Ring Manager
	Charles Enderby	Hexham Steeplechase Co. Ltd.
	Brian Clarke	Northern BPA

1 Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

There were no matters arising and the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2 Future LJPC Minutes

HJ told Council that it had been decided by NJPC Council Members, who included representatives of the RCA, RBA and NAB, that, with immediate effect, future minutes from all LJPC meetings would be posted on the NJPC website and thus available to all to view in their entirety.

HJ indicated that as approval of minutes was not actually official until convening the following meeting of the LJPC he would furnish the minutes to LJPC members at the earliest opportunity in order that he could seek "approval" of the minutes from members prior to posting on the website.

3 Designated Numbers 2006

HJ had previously furnished Council members with a paper regarding bookmaker attendances and opt-in /opt-out details in 2005 together with a paper on crowd attendances.

CE felt the designated numbers throughout 2005 had been working well. BC concurred with CE's sentiments and, with the meetings in 2006 pretty much following the same format as those held in 2005, the Council unanimously decided to leave the numbers unchanged.

4 AOB

CE told Council it was currently his intention to host the usual free admission day for punters at the March fixture.

HJ told CE that the new speakers recently fitted in the betting ring were extremely loud and making it difficult for bookmakers to hear bets being called to them from punters. HJ had informed the broadcast office at the previous meeting and they intend to lower the volume of the speakers. HJ will monitor the effect of this at the next couple of meetings and give CE feedback as required.

CE will consider the feasibility of allowing bookmakers to park vehicles in the caravan park in the close season (mid October to Mid April) and accessing the ring from the bottom gate. This would make it easier for bookmakers to get equipment into the ring. Should CE decide it is workable then bookmakers would have to obtain entrance badges at the main gates prior to using this entrance.

HEXHAM DESIGNATED NUMBERS 2006

24	24 Apr, 29 Sep, 3 Nov, 15 Nov, 6 Dec
26	16 Mar
31	2 Apr, 6 May, 13 May, 30 May, 3 Jun, 17 Jun, 25 Jun, 7 Oct