

## **Kelso Local Joint Pitch Council**

### **Minutes of the 16th Meeting held at Kelso Racecourse on Monday 31 October 2005**

In attendance:-

Haig Jenkinson	Chairman, secretary NJPC
James Cameron	Rails Bookmakers Assoc.
John Jeffreys, David Thomson	Kelso Racecourse Executive
Alex Smith	East of Scotland Bookmakers Assoc.

#### **1. Minutes of last meeting and matter arising**

There were no matters arising and the minutes were approved.

#### **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.

JC welcomed the decision indicating he had been asking for this for some time.

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.

JC asked HJ whether the NJPC would be putting in place any procedures whereby persons who did not have access to the NJPC website could obtain paper copies of minutes and, if so, would there be a charge for supply of them.

HJ told JC he would seek clarification of his question from Tim Moore, Chief Executive of the NJPC.

Following the meeting Tim Moore advised HJ that it was not the intention of the NJPC to provide paper copies of minutes.

### **3 Designated Numbers 2006**

HJ had previously furnished members with opt-in / opt-out details together with crowd attendances during 2005.

HJ told Council that discussion between the NJPC and the Office of Fair Trading in respect of setting of Designated Numbers was ongoing with no agreement between the parties yet in place. While this continued to be the case LJPCs were still charged with setting the Designated Numbers for their racecourses as they see fit.

JC told Council he wanted the designated number on the rails to be 5 every day.

JC commented that the OFT had criticised the practice of incremental designated numbers for the Rails at Hamilton Park and if the Kelso LJPC continued to set different numbers on different days rather than the highest number at all meetings then they too left themselves open to similar criticism.

DT could not see sound reasoning why the numbers should be set at 5 across the board when, at present, there were occasions when the rails did not fill a lower allocation on certain days.

JC argued that bookmakers should always be given the opportunity to bet if they wanted to. General discussion regarding the % of bookmakers, both on the Rails and Tattersalls, actually attending compared to the designated number set at various fixtures followed.

In order to progress the discussions it was decided that Designated Numbers for both Rails and Tattersalls would be decided on a day by day basis.

JC proposed 5 on the Rails on Friday 13 January, this was rejected by majority and the status quo of 4 stays.

AS indicated that if any day warranted a cut in Tattersalls numbers it most certainly, in his opinion, was this fixture. He proposed a reduction from 29 to 26 in Tattersalls. This was rejected by majority and the status quo remains.

JC lost an argument for 5 on the Rails on Thursday 9 February by majority and the status quo remains for both Rails and Tattersalls.

Council felt that based on crowd attendance the Sunday fixture in April warranted an increase from 35 to 40 in Tattersalls. Rails remains at the maximum of 5.

At the new fixture on Tuesday 9 May AS proposed 35 in Tatts which was accepted and JC proposed 5 on the Rails also accepted.

On Wednesday 10 May JC sought an increase to 5 from 4 on the Rails this was accepted and AS proposed Tattersalls remain unchanged at 35– accepted.

Wednesday 24 May's numbers in Tattersalls were reduced from 38 to 35 (back to the number they had been set at in 2004) following a proposal by AS and passed by majority. Rails to remain unchanged at 5.

With historical evidence thin for the year end fixtures on Friday 17 November and Sunday 3 December Council accepted the proposal by JC to increase to 5 on the Rails from 4 and from AS to increase to 35 from 32 in Tattersalls.

All other fixtures status quo prevails.

#### **4 AOB**

There were no matters raised.

### **KELSO DESIGNATED NUMBERS 2006**

#### **Tattersalls**

29	13 Jan
32	9 Feb
35	3 Apr, 9 May, 10 May, 24 May, 17 Nov, 3 Dec
40	4 Mar, 9 Apr, 1 Oct, 21 Oct, 4 Nov

#### **Rails**

4	13 Jan, 9 Feb
5	All other days