

NATIONAL JOINT PITCH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Pontefract Local Joint Pitch Council held on Wednesday 7 December 2005 at the Racecourse.

Present: Richard Hamill, Pontefract Park Race Co Ltd – RH
John Stevenson, NAB – JS
John Whelan, NJPC (Chairman) – JW
Edward Mayne, RBA - EM

Apologies

Apologies were received from Norman Gundhill, Pontefract Park Race Co.

Approval of the minutes

JW said that in future the minutes of all LJPC meetings would be published on the NJPC website. The minutes of the meeting held on the 16/12/04 were approved as a true record.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

Designated Numbers 2006

RH said that the fixtures for 2006 (total fourteen) were the same as those in 2005. Members agreed that the numbers should remain unchanged from 2005.

Any other business

- 1) JW said a repositioning of two anchorage points on the front line in the Silver Ring was required due to the movement of the customers. A number of bookmakers had brought this issue up at the open meeting. This was agreed and JW delivered the anchorage points for installation and RH said the work would be done before the start of the 2006 season.
- 2) JW reported that there was a problem with the pitches on the grass on the front line in Tatts. Customers could easily trip when placing a bet as the ground dipped, especially when the grass was worn as the season progressed. RH said he would meet with the ground staff regarding possible repair works.
- 3) JS and EM said there was an ongoing problem with the noise level from the speakers. JW said he would speak with Brian Brown in the Broadcast Office to determine the optimum level.