

Redcar Racecourse Local Joint Pitch Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Redcar on 21 November 2005

PRESENT:

Mr M Ryan Chairman - NJPC (MR)
Mr N Etherington Chief Executive Redcar Racecourse (NE)
Mr J Ridley National Association of Bookmakers (JR)

APOLOGIES:

Mr G Billington Rails Bookmakers Association

INTRODUCTION:

MR introduced Neil Etherington, new Chief Executive at Redcar to members. He gave details of future developments to take place at the racecourse. This included the possibility of a single pricing structure for Members and Tattersalls, but stated that this would not become effective before the 2007 season. This comment was noted for the 2006 agenda. He also stated that there were plans to re-align the bottom bend at Redcar but not before the 2007 season. On racing matters he stated that there was a possibility of Redcar staging the 2006 Lincoln Handicap on 25 March 2006 (traditionally run at Doncaster). Members would be informed accordingly of any future developments.

1.	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2004 were read and approved by members as a true record.
2.	PUBLISHING OF THE LJPC MINUTES ON THE NJPC WEBSITE MR explained to members that 2005 minutes will be published on the NJPC website. MR stated that this was for transparency and integrity purposes, and to give Bookmakers an insight to LJPC meetings. Members were also informed that draft copies would be sent out for their approval prior to the minutes being published.
3.	MATTERS ARISING JR informed members that not all Bookmakers were registered with respective associations for public liability insurance. MR reassured members that unless Bookmakers presented proof of public liability cover they would not be registered to work with the NJPC for the forthcoming 2006 season.

4.	DESIGNATED NUMBERS Due to the ongoing investigation by the OFT into designated numbers MR recommended that 2006 numbers remain unchanged, the exception being Thursday (E) 24 August 2006 (was Saturday (E) 20 August 2005) which will change to: Rails 6, Tattersalls 30, Silver 12. This meeting coincides with the last day of the York Ebor meeting (see attached schedule). All members agreed to this.
5.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS Although no issues had been raised from the Bookmakers open meeting MR stated to members that he had received a number of requests from Bookmakers in the Silver Ring for earlier pitching up times especially on Bank Holidays and Sundays. After general discussion all members agreed that the following dates would have 1½ hours pitching up time for 2006; Monday 17 April (Easter Monday) Monday 29 May (Spring Bank Holiday) Sunday 23 July (Family Day) Sunday 13 August This will be reviewed at the end of the season. MR commented to members that arrangements for Bookmakers unloading equipment in the Silver Ring before racing had been well received. However, JR stated to members that there had been isolated incidents when some Bookmakers had experienced problems passing racecourse staff to unload equipment. The previous arrangement was that Bookmakers on purchase of their betting badge would be allowed to unload their equipment after presenting their badge to staff on the gate, and would then return to the outside car park. Ne stated that he would re-emphasise this procedure to staff. Bookmakers will not be allowed to drive into the ring less than 2 hours before the first race on Bank Holidays, Summer Saturdays and the 2 Sunday meetings. NO OTHER BUSINESS MEETING CLOSED

REDCAR DESIGNATED NUMBERS 2006

	<u>RAILS</u>	<u>TATTERSALLS</u>	<u>SILVER</u>
Monday 17 April (BH)	6	40	25
Thursday 4 May	6	30	12
Monday 15 May	6	30	12
Monday 22 May	6	30	12
Monday 29 May (BH)	6	40	30
Tuesday 30 May	6	30	12
Tuesday 13 June	6	30	12
Friday 23 June	6	30	12
Saturday 24 June	6	40	25
Sunday 23 July	6	35	25
Saturday 12 August	6	40	25
Sunday 13 August	6	35	25
Thursday 24 August (E)	6	30	12
Thursday 31 August	6	30	12
Monday 11 September	6	30	12
Wednesday 20 September	6	25	11
Saturday 30 September	6	35	15
Friday 14 October	6	25	11

PITCHING UP TIMES

1 HOUR - TATTERSALLS
45 MINS - RAILS
45 MINS - COURSE (except 17 April (BH), 29 May (BH),
23 July (SUN), 13 August (SUN) 1½ hours)