

**Warwick Local Joint Pitch Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Warwick LJPC**  
**Held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2005**

PRESENT: Neil Pateman, NJPC  
Stephen Higgins, Warwick Racecourse  
Peter Mace, National Association of Bookmakers

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Alan Marcel on behalf of the Rails Bookmakers Association due to hospitalisation.

(However, after several discussions between NP and Robin Grosmith of the RBA, regarding the closure of the silver ring during the National Hunt season, he confirmed he was happy to vote with the NAB member if he sought an increase in tattersalls numbers on some of the days the silver ring was closed).

1. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 1.11.04 were approved as a true and accurate record.

2. Matters Arising

NP informed SH that there was no signage for the Betting Ring Managers office location as discussed at the last meeting. SH agreed to see that the office was signposted.

3. Minutes on the NJPC Website

NP informed the Council that the minutes of the LJPC would be posted on the NJPC website.

4. Closure of the National Hunt Silver Ring

SH confirmed the closure of the National Hunt silver ring due to it not being sustainable through the winter months.

SH went on to explain that poor facilities/viewing were putting off potential regular customers. SH explained the silver ring would be used for hard standing car parking. PM asked if the silver ring could be kept open for one day, possibly the 31<sup>st</sup> December. SH said no.

SH explained that 2 million pounds was available to Warwick racecourse during 2006/2007 for further developments but no money was available for the silver ring improvements. Warwick racecourse plan on moving the winners enclosure/parade ring and upgrading other facilities. SH went on to explain the possibility of a new betting area in the future.

SH confirmed the flat silver ring would remain open for 7 fixtures.

## 5. Designated Numbers

The Council discussed correspondence and conversations that NP had with bookmakers who had replied to the news that the National Hunt silver ring was to close.

NP explained the NJPC procedures for the merger of a silver ring with a tattersalls ring. The Council approved the following:-

				New list position numbers
1	Max. designated number	Tattersalls	35	1 – 35
2	Max. designated number	Silver ring	14	36 – 49
3	Next 10	Tattersalls	10	50 – 59
4	Next 17	Silver ring	17	60 - 76
5	Standby list	Tattersalls		
6	Standby list	Silver ring		

PM told the Council that the maximum number in tattersalls should increase to accommodate some silver ring bookmakers on the good days.

SH informed the meeting that they target 3 out of 10 punters would make the transition from silver ring to tattersalls (maximum number in silver ring NH season 2004/2005 498). NP noted that the tattersalls designated number on any given day during the National Hunt season never filled.

After looking over the crowd attendance figures, tattersalls/silver ring bookmakers attendance figures and last years designated numbers the Council unanimously agreed that the tattersalls maximum designated number would increase by 4 to 39 on the following days:

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2006  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2006  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006

The four extra anchorage points we be located as follows:-

- 1 extra on the second line and 3 extra on the back line.

It was also unanimously agreed that if the silver ring was to reopen for any National Hunt fixtures in the future then the silver ring list should revert back and the maximum designated number in tattersalls decrease to 35.

A copy of the 2006 designated numbers is attached.

6. Entrance Fee Pricing Structure

SH agreed that £15 entrance for banded racing was a mistake. SH confirmed that Warwick racecourse had a marketing strategy that they hoped would increase attendances.

7. Any Other Business

- a) SH stated bookmakers will not be allowed in the racecourse with cars until half an hour after the last race or when the Safety Officer thinks it is safe (this may be less than half an hour on quieter days). All cars must be out of the track 2 hours before the first race.
- b) SH also asked if bookmakers could make customer service a prime objective and use bins and bags provided to discard their rubbish appropriately.

NP agreed to inform the bookmakers on the above points.

- c) NP asked the Council to confirm that when the silver ring is not full are all 21 pitches available. The Council agreed all 21 pitches are available every day.