



Notes of the Members Council meeting held on Wednesday, 19 October 2016 in the Pickford Suite at the Best Western Windmill Village Hotel, Birmingham Rd, Coventry, West Midlands, CV5 9AL commencing at 10.30am.

Present:

- Iain Graham – Chief Executive
- Justine Naylor – National Director of Sport
- Anne Fearnall – Official - North
- John Jacks – Official - East
- Jane Noton – Official – East Midlands
- Steve Williams – Official – West Midlands
- Paul Urch – Official – South West
- Karen McCoy – Official - Scotland
- Steve Lynch – Official - Wales
- Andrew James – Rider – South West
- Matthew Broome – Rider - Wales
- Charles Britton – Show Organiser - North
- Edward Bunn – Show Organiser – South East
- Jane Gregory – Show Organiser – South West
- Fiona Quennell – Show Organiser - Scotland
- James Broome – Show Organiser - Wales
- Alistair Mizon – Other - North
- Katrina Moore – Other - East
- Liz Edgar – Other – West Midlands
- Marjory McNaughton – Other - Scotland
- Rebecca Worrall – Other - Wales

In Attendance:

- Kirsty Pearce – Board Director – SJ Specific
- Nicky McMurdo – Executive Assistant

1)	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Seals – Other – East Midlands • Nicola Roe – Rider – East Midlands • Nicola McArthur – Rider - Scotland • Simon Bates – Show Organiser - East <p>It was reported that Melanie Mantel had sent her written resignation from the Members Council with immediate effect on 18 October 2016.</p>	
2)	<p>Declarations of Interests</p> <p>Steve Lynch advised that his term on the BS Disciplinary had concluded.</p>	NM
3)	<p>Code of Conduct</p> <p>The BS Code of Conduct was included as a reminder to all Members Council representatives.</p>	
4)	<p>To receive Notes of the Members Council Meeting held on 12 January 2016</p> <p>Steve Lynch felt he had been misquoted in the notes of 12 January and reported he felt show organisers would need to employ one other person (not necessarily another</p>	

	<p>Judge) alongside the two judges to assist in the Judges Box if computers were introduced.</p> <p>John Jacks acknowledged that newly appointed or upgraded Officials were now listed in the Show Organisers Newsletter but asked if it was possible if the information could include what part of the country the Official is appointed. It was agreed this would be incorporated in future.</p> <p>The Members Council discussed the wording in the Members Handbook for Single Phase and Two Phase competitions. A suggestion was made to amend the wording of Rule 287 - Single Phase competition to read: 'The second section must include additional obstacles', thereby removing the word 'five'. This recommendation will be passed to the National Sport Committee for Ratification.</p>	<p>Michael Bainbridge</p> <p>Nat. Sport Comm.</p>
	<p>Presentation:</p> <p>A presentation was given to the Members Council which included a video of Nick Skelton and Big Star winning the individual Gold Medal at the Rio Olympic Games. Nick's success has provided a lot of PR opportunities which BS are continually following up with the aim of gaining Nick a nomination for Sports Personality of the Year (SPOTY).</p>	
5)	<p>Vacant Members Council Positions and National Sport Committee</p> <p>There will be two vacancies on the National Sport Committee as Terri Hill and Philippa McKeever complete their term of office.</p> <p>The National Sport Committee positions along with the vacant positions currently on the Members Council will be advertised on the BS website in the imminent future.</p>	
6)	<p>Membership</p> <p>British Showjumping membership is currently in a good position and has increased gradually month on month showing a 2.5% increase in national membership.</p> <p>Just for Schools competitions were launched in 2016 giving riders in education recognition. The initiative has been extremely well received and British Showjumping has worked closely with sport England to move this forward, with over 750 members already signed up. The final at the National Championships was received positively and great feedback was received.</p> <p>Demographics of membership participation was explained with a breakdown as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 years and under – 4.2% • 13 – 18 year olds – 17% • Adult Participation – 74.5% • Talent Development – 1.5% • Adult Performance (FEI 1.40m) – 1.3% • Elite Performance (FEI 1.50m & Above) – 1.5% 	
7)	<p>Olympics / World Class</p> <p>The British Equestrian Federation (BEF) has had a change of personnel and Clare Salmon has taken over as Chief Executive from Andrew Finding who has now retired.</p> <p>It is likely that a decrease in funding for Tokyo will happen which may impact on some of the World Class programmes that have previously been delivered.</p>	
8)	<p>National Championships.</p> <p>2016 was the second year of the Championships being held at Stoneleigh Park ran by Grandstand Media. The site was made more compact and more entries were received than in 2015. The BBC were in attendance filming and the media were keen to cover the event as it ran alongside the Olympic Games. BBC have taken a keen following of the sport since.</p> <p>British Showjumping has arranged a 'Wash Up' meeting with the organisers, Grandstand Media in November. If any Members Council representatives have any feedback regarding the show please forward in writing to Nicky McMurdo.</p>	

9)	<p>BEFAR</p> <p>It was reported that the 'Clean Sport' message was still not getting across to members. Testing is carried out at all levels across the sport and sizable fines are issued if tested positive. Suspensions are issued for anyone who is tested positive on more than one occasion.</p> <p>A list of prohibited substances are revised by the FEI/BEF annually and can be found on the BEF Website.</p> <p>Discussions in relation to the use of Regumate for mares took place. After consultation with Sophie Thomas at the BEF it was confirmed competitors should mention on the Medication Control Form at the time of any test taking place that Regumate has been used.</p>	
10)	<p>Area Representatives Meetings</p> <p>It was reported that Area Representatives meetings take place at the BS office on an annual basis and these are happening throughout November. The Development Officers also meet with their respective Area Representatives regionally throughout the year and are encouraged to liaise with their Members Council representatives.</p> <p>As well as acknowledging the voluntary work done by Area Representatives, Steve Williams portrayed his thanks to the Development Officers for the continued support around the country.</p>	
11)	<p>Talent Programmes</p> <p>The British Showjumping Talent Programmes have continued to grow over the past four years. There may be some change going forward but BS have fought to keep these programmes moving forward with funding from UK Sport and Sport England.</p> <p>The AASE programme is delivered across all sports and BS delivers with Haddon Training as an Apprenticeship programme. This is a government funded programme not funded through Sport England and due to changes in Government policy the current AASE format may not continue.</p>	
12)	<p>Coaching</p> <p>A change of staff internally at BS has occurred, Rebecca Turner is currently on maternity leave and therefore Stephanie Toogood is the newly appointed contact.</p> <p>A National Coaches Conference has been held in the past but it has been requested by some Coaches that they require bespoke development, therefore Regional CPD workshops have been organised with four key content areas being delivered including Video apps, coaches eye, ponies and parents. As this will be more bespoke Coaches will choose which seminars they wish to attend.</p> <p>National Coaching development for Excellence. BS needs high developing coaches to retain the 75% of adult participation members that we have. The programme is delivered with other disciplines and candidates selected for a yearlong programme. The Feedback has been good and something BS will look to replicate next year.</p>	
13)	<p>Officials – Upgrades / Conferences</p> <p>Official's conferences are currently taking place around the country. A pony specific course builders seminars is also being held. Assessments of both Judges and Course Designers are also taking place at the conferences.</p> <p>BS do not currently have a clause/ruling on retirement age for Officials and it looks likely that the FEI may go this direction also, assessing on competency rather than age.</p> <p>The Members Council discussed 'Tickets to ride' and its loopholes.</p>	
14)	<p>Excel Show</p>	

	<p>The London International show will take place at the Excel Arena in April 2017 and will be a 3* International SJ and Dressage event. Some British Showjumping National Championships will take place at the show.</p> <p>The event has been underwritten by Excel and the next three year's dates have been set.</p> <p>Information on the Winter Leagues Finals will be circulated in the very near future. It was confirmed there would be no semifinals, the league period will be from 1st October to 28 February and the top 3 from each Regional league will qualify for the Final at The London International Spring show.</p>	
15)	<p>Electronic Grading BS is edging towards electronic grading but it will be a phased approach. Once electronic grading is in operation all results, including those with faults, will be recorded.</p> <p>A suggestion was made to be able to look up a specific rider's winnings in the same way as horses winnings. This will be looked at to see if it can be implemented.</p>	IG/JN
16)	<p>How to improve recognition of British Owners/ British Bred Horses</p> <p>The Members Council was split into two groups to discuss amongst themselves how BS can improve recognition of British Owners and British Bred Horses. The suggestions made were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horses get identified using a pathway system with some kind of subsidiary organised by BS and the arrangement of syndicates. • British bred horses jumping over 1.35m obtain invitations to international shows where owners are given VIP treatment. • British owners be permitted to register a horse prefix for life at a nominal fee. • Recognition for British bred horses on the BS website with more focus on the breeder and owner getting recognition. • Make owners feel good, look after them. • Identify why owners are owners, are they in it for the love of horses / sport or something else? • Look at other foreign Federation's concept who hold a fund so horses are not sold overseas. • Implement owner biographies so that commentators have more information on them to promote in the public domain. • Incorporate owners into the prize giving presentations and award owners prizes. • Facilitate an owners / riders lounge at shows so they can meet likeminded people and have a comfortable place to spectate. • Have a way of distinguishing Owners by colours or logo's. • Promote the British horse, even if it has won for a different country. • Incorporate as much data on the competition start lists including breeding. Implement a Database information file that is available to supply to show centres/Commentators. Give breeding information for winners of classes. • All National Championship classes have breeding data. 	
17)	<p>Any other Business Kaz McCoy It was suggested that competitors be reminded schedules can be updated or revised so to check before attending.</p> <p>Fiona Quennell <u>1.05m Classes:</u> Requested that 1.05m Open classes carry dual qualification for The Amateur 1.05m class. It was advised this proposal would need to be referred to the National Sport Committee.</p>	Nat.Sport Comm.

<p>Jane Gregory: <u>Members Data for Show Organisers:</u> Requested if show organisers can be provided with the number of BS members per category per Region in order that appropriate shows can be scheduled? It was confirmed this would be looked at.</p> <p>Paul Urch: <u>National Amateur 85cms Class:</u> Asked if the National Amateur 85cms class could count for points in the Bronze league as currently the league was only for classes 90cms and above. It was confirmed this proposal would need to be referred to the National Sport Committee for consideration.</p> <p>Andrew James: <u>Courses built at correct heights:</u> How can we get Course Designers to build as to the height in the Handbook/schedule? It was advised that if competitors felt courses were not of the height determined in the rules, the Judges should be advised prior to the class commencing as well as reporting the matter to Head Office.</p> <p><u>Bronze League - Pony riders:</u> It was reported that Pony members are requesting a class 70cms and below where they don't receive points. This would need to be referred to the National Sport Committee for consideration.</p> <p>Liz Edgar: NAF 5 star: Liz reported that members had requested the necessary booklet for the NAF 5 Star programme but have to date not received. It was reported that British Showjumping were awaiting delivery of these. A list has been collated of those who have applied and every member will be sent on as soon as they arrive.</p> <p><u>Grading Points:</u> It was asked if BS necessarily needed to count points from 1.00m and below and therefore only start grading when results were gained at 1.05m? A proposal would need to be directed to the National Sport Committee for consideration.</p> <p>It was agreed future Area Representatives Newsletters would be circulated to the Members Council to keep them apprised of any updates.</p> <p><u>Amateur Championships:</u> It was suggested that a 1.20m class be incorporated at the Amateur Championships show to help progression. It was advised that this had been trialed previously with poor entries but could be looked at again.</p> <p>John Jacks: <u>Split of Classes</u> It was requested that all combined classes be split for two sets of prize money when the number of starters reach 30. It was agreed this suggestion will be passed to the National Sport Committee.</p> <p>Katrina Moore: <u>Boot Rule for Pony Classes:</u> It was proposed that the National Sport Committee consider the boot rule for young horse classes to be implemented for pony classes.</p> <p><u>Winter JC Championship</u> Why did BS change the eligibility date on the Winter JC Championship first round from 1st October to 1st January? It was reported the National Sport Committee had discussed the rule at length at their June 2016 meeting and agreed the date should be amended accordingly.</p> <p>Edward Bunn <u>Categorisation of shows:</u> A suggestion was raised for multi day shows to be permitted to categorise the whole show as opposed to the individual days?</p>	<p>Nat.Sport Comm.</p> <p>Nat.Sport Comm.</p> <p>Nat.Sport Comm.</p> <p>N</p> <p>McMurdo</p> <p>Nat. Sport Comm.</p> <p>Nat.Sport Comm.</p>
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18)	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No dates were set but meeting will provisionally take place in February and May 2017. 	