



Notes of the Members Council meeting held on Tuesday, 12th January 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
 Julia Biddle – Non Executive Board Director – Showjumping Specific
 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
 Nicola Roe – Rider, East Midland
 Andrew James – Rider, South West
 Nicola McArthur – Rider, Scotland
 Matthew Broome – Rider, Wales
 Charles Britton – Show Organiser, North
 Simon Bates – Show Organiser, East
 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
 Richard Seals – Other, East Midlands
 Liz Edgar – Other, West Midlands
 Melanie Mantel – Other, South East
 Marjory McNaughton – Other, Scotland
 Rebecca Worrall – Other, Wales

In Attendance:

Nicky McMurdo – EA to the Chief Executive
 Alison Rankin Frost – Non Executive Director, PR & Communications

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1)	Apologies for Absence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marion Clark 	
2)	Welcome to the Newly appointed Members Council Representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An introduction of everyone in attendance at the meeting took place. 	
3)	Declarations of Interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was reminded that Register of Interest forms are to be completed on an annual basis and for everyone to make sure their form is returned to Nicky McMurdo at the earliest opportunity. 	All
4)	Code of Conduct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Again, all Members Council representatives were asked to complete Code of Conduct forms for 2016 and all were received with the exception of Marion Clark who had sent apologies. 	
5)	To receive Notes of the Members Council Meeting held on 13 October 2015	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katrina Moore advised that she had not submitted a paper on Collecting Ring etiquette as having read the Handbook, rules and regulations were already in place and therefore these only needed to be enforced to ensure safety was adhered to. • Becky Worrall reported that the discussion regarding the Amateur Second Round Entry Fee restrictions was going to be looked into. 	
6)	<p>British Showjumping Update / Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A presentation by the Chief Executive and National Director of Sport was shown, highlighting the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio, National Championships, British Showjumping Talent Pathways, Updated rules on Riding hats, Clean Sport and Conduct. • A suggestion was made in relation to a rule being introduced that no mobile phones should be used whilst in the Collecting or Practice Arena. • In respect to conduct of British Showjumping member's discussion took place with a suggestion of a red/yellow card system. The Chief Executive advised of the disciplinary process and asked that British Showjumping be informed by Show Centres/organisers if unacceptable behavior or conduct has taken place in order that the information can be kept on file. • It was confirmed that Judges do have the power to issue on the spot fines for members who contravene the rules. • Alistair Mizon advised the meeting that he had received excellent feedback from BS Officials on how well the recent Officials conferences had been run. The Chief Executive advised that this would be passed on to those individuals who had organized and delivered the conferences. 	
7)	<p>To agree on the following Members Council representatives to be appointed to the National Sport Committee in 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members Council Rider, Officials and Show Organiser representatives split into individual groups to discuss and select their nominated representative for the National Sport Committee. • It was unanimously agreed that Matthew Broome (Rider), Charles Britton (Show Organiser) and Steve Williams (Official) would be appointed to the National Sport Committee. 	
8)	<p>To ratify the appointment of Board Directors as outlined in Clause 38.2 of the Association's Memorandum and Articles of Association:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chief Executive recapped that the positions for Board Directors were advertised in the last quarter of 2015 in accordance with the Constitution for term rotation. • All of the sitting board members reapplied including the Chairman, Les Harris, who was unopposed. • Board Director Interviews were held at Meriden in December 2015 and three Members Council representatives were included on the interview panel; Edward Bunn, Simon Bates and James Broome. • It was recommended that the following people be appointed as Board Directors with effect from 1st April 2016: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sponsorship and Commercial – Rod Kohler 2. Finance – Jenny Quirke 3. Showjumping Specific – Kirsty Pearce • After a show of hands, the Members Council unanimously agreed to ratify the appointment of the above Directors and Les Harris as Chairman for a further three year term. • The Chief Executive conveyed his thanks to Nicky Roche who was stepping down as Finance Director after three years in office. 	
9)	<p>National Sport Committee Update – Justine Naylor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was reported rule amendments were kept to a minimum during 2015. • In 2016 competitors will be able to go to any of the Bronze and Silver League direct qualifiers, however the Semi Finals will still be allocated North and South. • Members are now also able to attend up to 4 second rounds of the Senior Discovery and British Novice competitions. • National Team competitions: It was reported that Show centres hosting the National Team Competitions must define in their schedule the format of how the competition will be run as it may differ from other venues. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools competitions: It was reported that rules pertaining to the new Schools competitions will be circulated to all British Showjumping Officials. Handicap Competitions: It was confirmed that horses can now compete in a higher level of a handicap competition without being penalised i.e. In a B & C handicap, a grade C can opt to compete in the Grade B section. 	
10)	<p>Electronic Results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was reported that Scheduling Online had gone live and with this in place it will enable results to be received electronically which will increase efficiency for riders to view their horse's winning, be a quicker and more accurate process and decrease the amount of paperwork. Electronic results will eventually incorporate every horse/rider in a competition and will record all results including eliminations and faults, however, this will be a phased introduction and not all results will be processed like this initially. Electronic results will then lead on to pre-entry whereby Judges will be able to see eligibility of horses and riders before the competition which in turn will reduce the number of fines issued for ineligible and unregistered combinations. There will be some venues that won't be able to process electronic results and will still need to rely on paper, this will consequently delay results being graded whilst we wait to receive the hard copies them from the venue. 	
11)	<p>Handbook Revision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2016 Members Handbook was sent out to all members at the end of December 2015. The Chief Executive asked if any Members Council representatives would be willing to look at the layout/format of the handbook. Nicola Roe, Richard Seals, Marjory McNaughton and Julia Biddle offered to help with this project. It was reported that the ruling in relation to the age of riders in Children on Horses Classes was unclear and this was agreed to be looked at. There appeared to be some confusion as to how many Double Clears were required for qualification in the Junior Members Cup competition. It was confirmed the 2016 Handbook was correct with two double clears. 	
12)	<p>Classes at 1.40m/National 1.40m to be run at A7 or A10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following a suggestion at the November 2015 Sport Forum to allow 1.40m classes to run as either A7 or A10, it was reported that the National Sport Committee had already agreed to this being permitted for the National 1.40m competition. However, the Members Council did not feel this request should be for all 1.40m classes. 	
13)	<p>Senior Foxhunter: Treble Combination to be mandatory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion took place as to whether a treble combination should be mandatory in Senior Foxhunter classes, however, it was reported that it is not always possible to incorporate one in a small indoor arena. It was felt that whilst Course Designers should be encouraged to include treble combinations it should not be made mandatory. It was requested if Show Organisers could be kept informed of information sent out to Course Designers in relation to amendments for competitions in an attempt to ensure the processes are carried out. It was agreed that the Officials Newsletters could be circulated to Show Organisers. 	
14)	<p>Any other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrew James: <u>Blue Chip qualification:</u> It was reported that recently two Blue Chip qualification places were taken at a show in the South West by a rider who was not eligible. It was confirmed that this would be picked up once the class results have been received and graded. <u>Riders representatives:</u> It was reported that a Conference Call would be arranged with the Members Council Riders Representatives to discuss how British Showjumping is best positioned to engage with riders. <u>Amateur Classes – 4 Double Clears:</u> It was queried if there were enough shows holding Amateur shows to gain 4 double clears for qualification. It was felt this depended on where members were based and it was agreed to look at the situation in the South West region which appeared to have a lack of centres holding Amateur classes. 	<p>L Hanson</p> <p>A Newbery</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane Gregory: <u>Silver League:</u> It was reported that there were members on the Silver League that had previously been on the Gold League. It was agreed this would be looked at to ensure riders were listed in the appropriate leagues. • Katrina Moore: <u>Show Dates:</u> Katrina reported that it was now too difficult to submit a late date into the calendar following the rule that show centres are now contacted on the day prior to and after the requested date. It was reported that this policy had been enforced to protect show centres who have submitted their dates in the specific time frame. <p><u>10 and Under Style and Performance at Premier:</u> It was reported that a Style and Performance Judge had only been organised for one day of a two day Pony Premier Show. It was advised that British Showjumping were aware of this and had been in discussion with the respective Show Centre. It appeared that there was some confusion as to the number of qualifiers from this competition. In respect of the numbers of competitors qualifying for the Final, it was agreed the matter would be looked at and reported back to Katrina Moore.</p> <p><u>Ponies competing at HOYS without valid height certificates:</u> Katrina Moore reported that she had telephoned the BS office to enquire about a pony that she was interested in purchasing that had qualified for Horse of the Year Show and was surprised to find that the pony did not have a valid Height Certificate. It was agreed that if Katrina could furnish the information to either the Chief Executive or National Director of Sport the matter would be looked at.</p> <p><u>128cms Olympia class:</u> Katrina Moore advised that she had been informed from a fellow competitor that the 128cms competition at Olympia had not been graded with Gold League points, it was agreed this would be investigated however the member in question should be taking this up directly with British Showjumping if they feel their winnings are incorrectly graded.</p> <p><u>148cms Special:</u> Katrina Moore advised that the 148cms Special Class wording in a recent Pony Premier schedule stated the competition qualified for Wales and West when in fact it qualified for Pony the Year Show.</p> • Alistair Mizon: <u>Blue Chip B & C:</u> Alistair raised that Officials had queried whether the Blue Chip B& C classes should have dual qualification for the National B & C class. It was reported that this could be discussed at National Sport but it was felt it was unlikely to change due to a lack of these classes scheduled. • Karen Mccoy: <u>Competition Crib Sheet:</u> A suggestion was made for a crib sheet to be devised for use by Officials detailing all BS competitions, what they qualify for, how many qualify or number of Double Clears required. It was agreed the National Director of Sport would discuss directly with Karen. • <u>Category 1 shows:</u> Having attended the National Amateur Championships, it was reported that the whole experience was excellent but wondered if it needed to be promoted more. It was questioned if the name 'Amateur' puts members off. • Margjory McNaughton: <u>Colour of Breeches:</u> It was reported that there were different colours of breeches being worn in competition which were more grey and brown in colour. Although practical these colours were not permitted in the Handbook and it was suggested that Officials and members be reminded of this rule. • Richard Seals: <u>Refusals:</u> Richard suggested that the number of refusals permitted in lower level classes be reverted to 3. It was reported that this had been discussed on a number of occasions by the National Sport Committee who felt it should not be amended. • Steve Lynch: 	<p>I Graham /J Naylor</p> <p>L Hanson</p> <p>L Hanson</p> <p>L Hanson</p>
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15)	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19th October 2016 	