

**BRITISH SHOWJUMPING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016**

**QUESTIONS SUBMITTED**

**Dianne Duggan**

**(On behalf of The Group - Dianne Duggan, Jane Twemlow, Vicki Morton, Peter Gillespie, Alan Golledge, Jon Doney, Bob Ellis and Jane Pelly)**

- 1) How many times has each working party met in the 12 month prior to the AGM?  
Pony – 3 February 2016  
Regional Mentors – 22 February 2016  
Judges – 1 March 2016  
Show Organisers– 16 May 2016  
Course Builders - Unable to find a suitable date that suited the core of the group, however, several items have been discussed via Email group conversations.
  - a) How many of those meetings were face to face? All apart from 1
  - b) How many of those meetings were by tele/con? 1
  
- 2) Could you provide a report for each working party outlining what they have achieved in the last 12 months?  
Please identify the person who submits the report.  
Each working party is tasked by a Committee to discuss a particular subject in detail and below are just a small proportion of subjects discussed at the Working Party meetings:
  - Junior Code of Conduct
  - Pony Club
  - British Showjumping Just for Schools
  - Joint Measurement Board
  - Pony Training Development Days
  - Pony Premier Show Schedules
  - Home Pony Team Competitions
  - Categorisation
  - Entry Fees
  - Affiliation Fees
  - Anti-Doping,
  - Health & Safety
  - Safeguarding
  - Child Protection
  - Data Protection
  - Schedule Alterations
  - Officials
  - International Calendar
  - Behaviour and discipline at shows
  
- 3) Why are the minutes of the NSC meeting on 19/4/2016 not on the website (at the time of writing)?  
Whilst word for word Minutes are not produced, bullet points of matters discussed and agreed at National Sport Committee meetings are publicised on the website. There were no rule amendments made at the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> April and the items discussed were at the consultation stage only.

- 4) Reading the minutes of the January 2016 MC meeting and also from speaking to members who attended that meeting, it seems that the MC were not offered the choice of all MC's voting for the representatives who would represent them on the NSC.

This left the Members section 25% of the Council, without any vote. In the interest of Democracy can BS ensure this is put forward to the MC?

The Members Council has been consulted on three separate occasions on how they wish to appoint their preferred representative to the National Sport Committee. On all occasions the specific groups on the Members Council (Officials, Riders and Show Organisers) opted to vote within their own respective group.

- 5) Can BS explain how the schedule for the National Championships 2016 is an acceptable replacement for National Championships held in previous years?

Following a review of the 2015 Championships where feedback from those who attended the show was taken into consideration, amendments have been made to address those concerns raised. The main changes are that the costs of attending the Championships have been reduced and the layout has been made more compact.

- 6) Can a copy of the Tender Agreement for the current National Championships be supplied?

Due to confidential information being incorporated within the Contract it is not possible for this to be made public. The original Tender document asking for proposals from companies wishing to stage the National Championships was originally published on the British Showjumping website.

- a) How does it vary from what we have in 2016?  
b) Who agreed the variations if any?  
c) Is anything being done to rectify any discrepancy for the rest of the agreement period?

British Showjumping have an ongoing relationship with the organisers of the Championships to provide the best show possible for members. Both parties are receptive to feedback. We are unaware of any discrepancies.

- 7) If there is a complaint against a decision made by the NSC, is there an independent person who would deal with it, and who should such a complaint be addressed to?

Any complaint about a decision made by the National Sport Committee should be made to the Chief Executive.

- 8) Could the Board confirm that a review of the Constitution has taken place since it was changed in 2012?

- a) If not when will this be done?  
b) If it has when was this done and by whom, what was decided.

The Board review the constitution on an ongoing basis as part of the Governance reviews undertaken. The constitution has also been reviewed by several organisations including the British Equestrian Federation and Sport and Recreation Alliance. The Constitution was also subject to a legal challenge last year by the following members:- Jon Doney, Dianne Duggan, Liz Edgar, Bob Ellis, Peter Gillespie, Alan Golledge, Vicki Morton Jane Pelly and Jane Twemlow - this challenge resulted in the document being reviewed by our lawyers and then subsequently by an independent QC at significant cost to British Showjumping. The estimated costs of the challenge to the Board and Constitution are circa. £30,000. This includes legal fees, external advice, mediation fees and meeting rooms. It does not include British Showjumping or BEF staff costs nor Board members expenses.