



BHA Board Meeting
 15 September 2020
 via video conference

SUMMARY OF MATTERS TRANSACTED

Attendance	
<p><u>Present:</u> Annamarie Phelps (Chair) (AP) Atholl Duncan (AD) Sir Paul Stephenson (PS) Joe Saumarez Smith (JSS) Laura Whyte (LW) Maggie Carver (MC) Charlie Parker (CP) Luca Cumani (LC) (items 1-7) David Armstrong (DA) Nick Rust (NR)</p>	<p><u>In attendance:</u> Catherine Beloff - (Secretary) - All BHA Executive - Items 4 - 7 Tim Naylor - Item 8 Richard Wayman - Item 9</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u> Andrew Merriam (AM)</p>

Board Item	Summary
<p>Introduction, Declarations of Interest and Chairman's Update</p>	<p><u>Chair's Activities</u> AP introduced her Chair's update, noting that it has been a busy time across the sport. AP extended her thanks to all who have contributed. AP expressed regret regarding the cancellation of the Goodwood and Doncaster pilots.</p> <p>In relation to the Nominations Committee process to appoint AM's successor, AP confirmed that this is in progress and on target for completion in the necessary timescale.</p>
<p>Approval of Previous Minutes</p>	<p>The Board approved the minutes of the meetings held via video conference on 27 June, 21 July and 19 August.</p>
<p>Rolling Actions, Decisions Log and Items to Come in 2020</p>	<p>The Board noted the Rolling Actions, Decisions Log and Items to Come in 2020.</p> <p>The Board approved the recommendation of the Nominations Committee comprising NR, LW and AM that Philip Freedman be appointed as the new chair of Retraining of Racehorses for a term of three years commencing 1 January 2021.</p>
<p>Covid-19 Resumption / Recovery</p>	<p>The Board received an update on progress on resumption and recovery planning being coordinated by the industry group.</p> <p>NR noted there has been a lot good work from DA, Dr Hill, RW and others, despite two setbacks on the pilots for the return of crowds. The group is working</p>

	<p>to ensure racing remains in a good position for the next pilots.</p> <p>The Board also discussed the impact of Covid-19 on the ROA's ownership strategy and the 2021 fixture list.</p>
BHA Financial Update and Cashflow forecast	<p>RW addressed the Board on the key aspects of the paper including the updated financial report and the budget for 2021. He confirmed that the intention is to present a draft budget to the Board before the end of the year although this will depend on whether the size of next year's fixture list is known.</p> <p>The Board approved the proposed set of principles for the 2021 budget.</p>
Chief Executive's Report	<p><u>Championship Horse Racing</u> The Board approved the six fixtures detailed in the report at which Championship Horse Racing will take place in 2021.</p> <p><u>Foreign Trained Runners</u> The Board approved that from 1 October, foreign trained runners are permitted to run in all British races other than in Class 5 and 6 handicaps / classified stakes on the Flat, and in Class 5 handicaps over Jumps.</p> <p><u>The Pattern</u> RQ addressed the Board on potential risks to the Pattern. Maintaining our competitiveness on the global stage is vital to the health of the sport. The Board tasked RQ with working with the Pattern Committees and relevant individuals in the sport to formulate a proposed strategy and plan of action.</p>
Rule Changes	<p><u>Rules Committee Terms of Reference</u> The Board considered and approved the amendments to the Rules Committee Terms of Reference.</p> <p><u>Rule Changes</u> The Board considered and approved amendments to the Rules for (i) Export Certificates; and (ii) Point-to-Point Regulations</p>
Bloodstock Industry Forum	<p>The Board received an update from NR on the work of the Bloodstock Industry Forum in relation to the recommendations of the Review of the Buying and Selling of Racehorses.</p>



Racing Digital Update	RW updated the Board on the progress of the Racing Digital Project. The Board considered and approved Richard Wayman and Joe Saumarez Smith as the BHA's nominated first directors of Racing Digital Limited for an initial term of three years.
AOB	The Board noted the Board Standing Committees and Advisory Groups Report.