



BHA Board Meeting
25 March 2021
via video conference

SUMMARY OF MATTERS TRANSACTED

| Attendance | |
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| <u>Present:</u> Annamarie Phelps (Chair) (AP) Sir Paul Stephenson (PS) Joe Saumarez Smith (JSS) Laura Whyte (LW) David Jones (DJ) Maggie Carver (MC) Charlie Parker (CP) Luca Cumani (LC) David Armstrong (DA) Julie Harrington (JH) | <u>In attendance:</u> Catherine Beloff (Secretary) BHA Executive Alison Enticknap |

| Board Item | Summary |
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| Introduction, Declarations of Interest and Chairman's Update | <p>AP introduced the meeting and noted that the last few weeks have been busy with some high-profile challenges. There had also been highlights, including the Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards, the Cheltenham Festival and a 2-day webinar delivered by the Chinese Equestrian Federation, in which the BHA and Jockey Club had participated.</p> <p>The Board expressed its condolences on the sad passing of Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum and noted his huge contribution to British racing over many years.</p> <p><u>Chair's Activities</u> AP introduced her Chair's update.</p> <p>AP invited any updates to the register of directors' interests. DJ declared that as of 27 April, he will be chair of Gloucestershire County Cricket Club.</p> <p><u>Nominations Committee</u> The Board AGREED that DJ be appointed to the Committee on a temporary basis, to assist in undertaking forthcoming work.</p> |
| Approval of Previous Minutes | The Board APPROVED the minutes of the meetings held via video conference on 19 January and 22 February 2020. |

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| CE Report | <p>The Board received an update from the Chief Executive.</p> <p><u>Ethics Committee</u> The Board APPROVED the appointment of Dr Vivienne Tut to the Ethics Committee as an independent medical expert with immediate effect, for a term of two years.</p> <p><u>Arabian Racing Fixture List</u> The Board APPROVED the 2021 Arabian Racing fixture list.</p> |
| Levy Reform/Betting | <p>JSS updated the Board on the key developments on the gambling review and Levy reform work.</p> |
| Covid-19 Resumption/ Recovery | <p>DA updated the Board on the winter sports survival package. The Executive Committee is working on a plan for how the funding will be distributed.</p> <p>MF noted that work continues on protecting existing behind closed doors racing. Voluntary lateral flow tests for BHA officials, racecourse staff and jockeys were introduced on 8 March. The next major date on the roadmap is 29 March when owners can begin to return. A limited number of spectators will be permitted from 17 May, based on existing social distancing protocols. This limits attendance to around 25% of capacity.</p> |
| Whip Review project | <p>The Board received an update on the progress of the Whip Review project.</p> <p>The Board ENDORSED the approach taken to the project plan.</p> <p>The Board ENDORSED the approach taken to the role and responsibilities of the Steering Group and its members.</p> <p>The Board ENDORSED DJ as BHA Board Sponsor and Chair of the Steering Group.</p> |
| Rule Changes | <p>The Board APPROVED the following Rule Changes:</p> <p><u>Minor changes</u> Two changes (to the Licensing chapter and Judicial Panels Code) to more accurately reflect practice that is unchanged from before the new rules were introduced.</p> <p><u>ARO Regulations</u> The proposed changes from the 2020 Regulations reflect further integration between ARO and the BHA. Where possible ARO have adopted BHA Rules with</p> |

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| | <p>only minor changes and all fines and penalties in 2021 will be those set out by the BHA.</p> <p><u>Stalls tests</u> Reducing the period for which a trainer who is subject to restrictions due to a high Defined Percentage is prevented from entering horses for stalls tests to seven days from 14. This aligns with the other changes to stalls tests penalties that were approved during the last cycle.</p> <p><u>Shared ownership regulation</u> Changes to the Syndicate Code and addition of a Racing Club Code to reflect some of the findings of the shared ownership consultation, including facilitating the addition of syndicate members who accumulate bad debt to the Forfeit List.</p> <p><u>Novice chases</u> Removal of the requirement for horses to run in a Novices' Steeple Chase of some description before being eligible to run in an Open Handicap chase of Class 3 and below.</p> |
| AOB | The Board NOTED the Board Standing Committees and Advisory Groups Report. |