

MEMBERS COMMITTEE MEETING

2 February 2021

via video conference

Voting Members	Non-voting Members	Apologies
Annamarie Phelps Maggie Carver Rupert Arnold Julian Richmond-Watson Charlie Parker	Julie Harrington Nevin Truesdale (alternate) David Thorpe	Sandy Dudgeon Jon Holmes
Observers	In attendance	Secretariat
Joe Saumarez Smith Charles Barnett Jonjo Sanderson Tony Langham Charlie Liverton David Armstrong	Will Lambe Martin Fewell Ross Hamilton Brant Dunshea – item 7 Alison Enticknap - item 7 Ian Barlow – item 8 Rob Hezel – item 8	Fiona Carlin

SUMMARY OF MATTERS TRANSACTED

Item	Summary
1. <u>Welcome and Introduction</u>	AP welcomed those present and introduced the agenda. Apologies were received from Sandy Dudgeon and Jon Holmes. AP noted Nevin Truesdale was acting as alternate, and welcomed Julie Harrington to her first meeting.
2. <u>Previous Minutes</u>	The minutes of the meeting held on 10 November were approved with one addition.
3. <u>Covid-19 Industry Recovery Plan</u>	The Members' received an update on the Industry recovery plan, including the continuation of racing behind closed doors, testing of participants, the return of crowds, and the progress of funding from the Winter Sport survival package.
4. <u>Levy Funding 2021/22</u>	<p>The Members' received the results of the Levy Reform Steering Group's work towards an agreed position for British racing.</p> <p>The Members' <u>AGREED</u> next steps on developing racing's case for levy reform in parallel to the Affordability consultation and Gambling Act review; and supported the development of a suitable engagement strategy including communication to the industry at the appropriate time.</p>
5. <u>Public Affairs and Government Engagement</u>	<p>The Members' received an update on the Gambling Commission's consultation on Affordability. The principles of the response and the core arguments for inclusion were <u>APPROVED</u>.</p> <p>The Members' received an update on the industry's political engagement strategy for 2021. Members <u>APPROVED</u> the strategy and the key areas for engagement, subject to the inclusion of political objectives and measurable outcomes.</p>

6.	<u>Brexit</u>	<p>The Members' discussed concerns on the impact of Brexit on the racing and breeding industries. Discussion focussed on VAT issues and the movement of horses between Britain, Ireland and France.</p> <p>The Members' <u>AGREED</u> that the Brexit Steering Group will continue its programme of work for 2021 including leading and co-ordinating relevant Government engagement, based on the principle of reciprocity and commitment to an open and international approach as far as possible.</p>
7.	<u>Horse Welfare Board</u>	<p>The Members' received an update on the progress of HWB strategy and individual initiatives.</p> <p>The Members' requested sight of a project plan and timelines for further consideration.</p>
8.	<u>Racing Foundation Strategy</u>	<p>The Members' received an update on the Racing Foundation Strategy and the vision for the next three years.</p> <p>The Members' supported the work of the Racing Foundation and welcomed the suggestion that the Racing Foundation should present to Mem Comm from time to time to ensure it continued to align with the industry's strategy.</p>