



BHA Board Meeting
 27 May 2021
 via video conference

SUMMARY OF MATTERS TRANSACTED

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

Board Item	Summary
Introduction, Declarations of Interest and Chairman's Update	AP introduced the meeting and noted the on-going challenges across the sport and industry discussed by the Board at previous meetings. AP also noted that there had been a number of recent positive news stories for racing, including the publication of the industry diversity and inclusion commitment, the Autism in Racing announcement, the launch of the Riding a Dream Academy, the Racing League, and Royal Ascot's selection as a pilot event for the return of larger audiences, which will permit attendance of up to 12,000 on each day of the Royal meeting. <u>Chair's Activities</u> AP introduced her Chair's update.
Approval of Previous Minutes	The Board APPROVED the minutes of the meeting held via video conference on 28 April 2021.
CE Report	The Board received an update from the Chief Executive. <u>Pony Racing Authority 2021 series</u> The Board APPROVED the proposed the 2021 Pony Racing Authority Series.
Covid-19 Resumption/ Recovery	JH noted that crowds have been back on racecourses since 17 May. This has required adjustment to the green and amber zones to facilitate owners' ability to interact with their horses in the paddock. In relation to the next milestone date (21 June), DA noted that the details - in relation to social distancing, mask wearing, crowd capacity etc. - may only be

	confirmed as late as 14 June. The final details in relation to the Royal Ascot pilot are currently being agreed.
Levy Reform/betting	JSS updated the Board on the key developments on the Levy reform work.
Brexit	<p>WL updated the Board on the work of the Thoroughbred Industries Brexit Steering Group.</p> <p>The Board noted that the new animal health, customs and VAT requirements in place since 1 January are presenting significant non-tariff barriers to free movement of thoroughbreds between GB and the EU.</p>
Jump racing predictive risk model	The Board received a presentation on the jump racing predictive risk model. The development of the model was one of the recommendations of the 2018 Cheltenham Review.
Rule Changes	<p>The Board APPROVED the recommended changes to the following Rules:</p> <p><u>(i) Handicapping changes</u> Making permanent several changes to the handicapping criteria that were originally introduced as part of resumption planning in June 2020.</p> <p><u>(ii) Trainers with jockey licences</u> Clarifying the circumstances under which a trainer who also holds a jockey licence is able to ride in races.</p> <p><u>(iii) Appearance Money Scheme</u> Writing into the Rules changes to the Appearance Money Scheme relating to a minimum rating for steeple chases which were introduced in December 2020.</p>
AOB	The Board NOTED the Board Standing Committees and Advisory Groups Report.