



**Notes of the Members Council Hothorpe Hall, Theddingworth LE17 6QX on Tuesday
25th February 2020 at 11.00am.**

1)	Apologies for Absence	Action points
	<i>Vanessa Marmont Michelle Clough Mia Palles-Clark Claire Read Danny Dunne Hannah Jackson Caroline Blatchford</i>	
2)	Declarations of Interests	Paper 1
	<i>If not returned yet for 2020 please return along with code of conduct</i>	ALL
3)	To receive Notes of the Members Council Meeting held on 16th October 2019	Paper 2
	<p><i>CB - Item 8 - Speed of Newcomers, not all members had agreed with the amendment.</i></p> <p><i>KM - queried if there been any follow up regarding the time faults and courses being altered between classes with officials? Having been at a recent competition there had been time for harrowing etc but the course remained almost identical and not up to height. Raised the concern with the officials who responded that the course was up to height.</i></p> <p><i>IG/JN - confirmed this had been raised with Course Builders and Officials at the seminars prior to Christmas in 2019, there are also forthcoming working groups where it will again be raised. It had also been raised with organisers to ensure they have enough personnel to assist with the changing of the course and to ensure that the schedules allowed time to do this. It was reiterated to ensure that concerns should be raised with the Judges and Officials on the day as it cannot be altered retrospectively.</i></p> <p><i>DF - queried the change to the spurs ruling (this was addressed over lunch with IG)</i></p> <p><i>KM - queried item 7 (page 2) as this was not raised by herself</i></p> <p><i>JN - confirmed this was Kaz McCoy as opposed to Katrina Moore</i></p> <p><i>Matters arising:</i></p>	

	<p><i>KMC - queried if there had been a meeting with riders and organisers yet?</i> <i>IG - confirmed not yet due to other matters and time constraints</i></p> <p><i>CB - Requested an update as to the discussion regarding the grading of horses.</i> <i>JN - confirmed it was an ongoing discussion at the NSC, it has moved forward with more work being done on this regarding wider implications.</i> <i>KM - queried concerns around grading riders as opposed to the horses and asked for clarification on the process when the change would be made.</i> <i>IG - confirmed there were no proposals to grade riders, the discussion is around the horse grading. The proposal will be discussed with NSC and then referred back to the MC's before being rolled out.</i></p>	
4)	British Showjumping Update	
	<p><i>IG - updated on BEF Personnel, UK Sport Funding Bid, Sport Scotland, FEI Personnel changes and GB International priorities for 2020 (Olympics)</i></p> <p><i>JN - updated on the NSC with positions to be appointed later in the meeting. The latest rule changes and NSC minutes were now available on the website. Main areas to highlight were: Increase in Amateur first round prize money, B&C qualification, HC ruling.</i> <i>KM - queried the process of members being able to suggest changes to rules</i> <i>IG/JN - confirmed that if there are multiple requests for certain changes, proposals would be sent to the respective committee to be discussed before implementation.</i> <i>CB - suggested whether the process of rule changes needed to be considered and include a wider and longer consultation period.</i> <i>IG - confirmed other sports had attempted this but had not been successful.</i> <i>Various members raised concerns regarding the changed HC ruling, felt this would cause an unfair advantage and needed to be re-considered</i> <i>CB - suggested for the rule to be postponed and re-considered.</i> <i>PW - supported CB and suggested to be implemented from 1st Jan to allow more time.</i> <i>IG/JN – agreed to review and postpone implementation of change to HC rule amendment.</i> <i>IG - updated on Biosecurity and clarified the situation regarding the latest EHV outbreaks. IG confirmed that BS will always follow the advice of the Animal Health Trust.</i> <i>The current advice is for horses to have flu vaccination every 6 months but the ruling is annual vaccination is required. If there is another significant outbreak then the ruling may change to 6 months but members will be notified.</i> <i>IG - update on BEFAR, there are still positive tests occurring from all levels of the membership so members are encouraged to help promote and educate on clean sport principles.</i> <i>AC - queried whether DO's had been trained and were able to provide the education.</i> <i>JN - confirmed that they were and it would be followed up with the DO's.</i></p>	JN/CQS

	<p><i>JN - updated on Safeguarding that Justine is the lead officer and there has been further safeguarding education of members involved in the sport such as Officials and Area Reps in order to ensure that all involved have basic online safeguarding training.</i></p> <p><i>IG - Organisers need to ensure that they have their own safeguarding procedures and protocol in place in relation to safeguarding at their venues.</i></p> <p><i>JN - advised on new clothing range available at: showjumping@britishshowjumping.co.uk .</i></p> <p><i>JN – provided update on officials; officials working groups will be taking place in the next month, along with officials assessments and conference (21st April at Wellington). Reminder that officials are required to attend bi-annual CPD to remain as listed officials.</i></p> <p><i>JN - Winter Classic and Winter Pony premier schedules will be looked at next NSC if anyone has any comments on these.</i></p> <p><i>KM - suggested a few changes for Winter 148cm Pony Prem schedule (confirmed to call Justine to go through proposals)</i></p> <p><i>JN - Reminder that if anyone has any proposals they can contact Justine at any time as well as their NSC representatives to be discussed at future NSC meetings.</i></p> <p><i>JN - updated on UK International shows, teams competitions and viewing shows.</i></p> <p><i>IG - confirmed Summer Keysoe not removed from the FEI calendar. Going forward there will be a tendering process for interested organisers in running an International.</i></p> <p><i>AG/IG - updated on FEI Pony Measuring Session, change to rulings from FEI so any ponies not registered with FEI prior to 1st Jan would require measuring before being able to compete FEI. There will be a GB measuring session in the coming months at the NTC but the FEI have to approve the measuring pad which has very strict regulations on these that existing measuring pads don't meet. JN confirmed currently no change to National pony measuring rules but will monitor the FEI rule implementation.</i></p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>JN</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>KM</p>
5)	Appointments and Members Council NSC Representatives	
	<p>NSC Appointments:</p> <p>Rider Representative; Hannah Jackson</p> <p>Officials Representative; Karen McCoy</p> <p>Show Organiser Representative; Jane Gregory</p>	
6)	Venue standards	
	<p><i>JN – explained that venue standards and consistency of these standards across regions is an area of focus.</i></p> <p><i>KM - advised it is crucial for a venue to have good ground, Course Builder and collecting ring not just high quality facilities.</i></p> <p><i>IG - Added a good organiser is also imperative.</i></p> <p><i>IG explained the challenges with BS testing surfaces</i></p> <p><i>KMC - Enquired whether BS would remove the qualifiers from venues if the venue was not kept up to standard.</i></p> <p><i>IG – Yes BS have and do remove affiliation if standards are not maintained. Also explained that due to the nature of the calendar,</i></p>	

	<p>qualifiers are required to be allocated so far in advance, therefore some problems arise after allocations. There are also limited venues across the country with the required infrastructure for certain types of shows.</p> <p>CL- suggested there should be quarterly reviews for all venues.</p> <p>IG/JN - confirmed Judges complete evaluation form after every show and return to head office to follow up any concerns along with regular visits from DO's and Stewards.</p> <p>JM - suggested that other attendees as well as Judges completed evaluations so it was a true representation.</p> <p>BW - has previously requested feedback from the evaluations but not received it from the DO</p> <p>Agreement from all that it was the organisers responsibility to ensure the venue was kept up to standard.</p> <p>KM/CB - raised concerns of increasing number of venues not holding prize giving's especially at Junior shows.</p> <p>CB - enquired about holding show organiser conferences</p> <p>IG- concerns that not many organisers would attend and it would be seen as a tick box exercise as opposed to valuable improvement in standards.</p>	JN
7)	Discussion on future international formats that will appeal to public/ commercial/ tv	
	<p>IG - FEI Sport Forum will have a focus around the development of Jumping and how to make it more appealing, any suggestions on how to improve the sport for a wider audience.</p> <p>Group responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of personalities and characters compared to before - Formats are currently too long, a class would need to be maximum 1 hour (20-25 horses) - More 'fun' classes maybe more engaging, used to provide better interview opportunities - Team knockout competitions - Interviews are not very interesting and appear staged - The PR around the riders and the sport needs to improve encourage more public interaction - Commentators need to be more exciting especially when on TV - Only show speed classes or jump-off on the TV - ERM example of continual movement podium positions creates increased interest/ excitement - At international shows less opportunity for the national riders to interact with the international riders due to security restrictions - Organisers need to aid in the development of the sport with fun classes, public interaction and relatable opportunities 	
8)	Tour of NTC	
	(After AOB)	
9)	Any other Business	
	<p>KM - 11 and under at pony premier shows is now too small (80cm), means there is a big gap between the classes. The classes scheduled are for the same ponies so encouraging the same pony to jump all classes and not starting big enough so does not reflect a premier.</p> <p>JN - advised KM to call to go through proposals of changes to the schedules.</p>	KM

	<p>CL- also advised that there was only 1 class for 11 and under so should the scheduling look at holding either more classes for 11 and under or should the class be moved to a different show.</p> <p>DF - Spur rule IG - advised had spoken over lunch and DF would email JG - advised spur rule had not been updated on website JN - advised would follow this up</p> <p>JG - Any plans for offices to be moved to the NTC IG - advised no, there would be discussion in the near future with Olympic disciplines and BEF around accommodation options.</p> <p>KS - Enquired if only the winners of the junior leagues received a trophy or do seniors as well JN - advised yes it was just the Juniors who receive medals</p> <p>SW - Clarification on how to judge the ruling regarding hitting a horse prior to starting the round JN - confirmed it is to be at the judge's discretion IG - confirmed there would be upcoming meetings with all equestrian bodies to review all rulings to try to have consistency across all disciplines. CL - Could there be consideration for Spring Champs to be further North to reduce the travel time for the Scottish members IG - advised the venues has to hold suitable facilities and infrastructure. CL - Could the age of riders in relation to the height they are eligible to jump be considered, as currently there is no transition period. JN - will look into this CB - If a combination are ineligible for a class should they be disqualified and the prize money and points moved to the next combinations or remain as it is. IG - when previously discussed and implemented the committee wanted an ineligible horse to still receive the points.</p> <p>JJ - On behalf of the Judges some shows are being able to schedule up to 10 classes per day which is causing very long days. Could organiser be advised to reduce classes or have two sets of judges? JN - the issues is due to the shows not knowing how many entries they will receive on the day, so they do need to be dealt with individually. The concern will be raised with organisers.</p>	<p>DF</p> <p>JN</p> <p>JN</p> <p>JN</p>
10)	Date of next meeting: To be advised – October/November 2020	
