

Briefing Note for the 28th Board Meeting of Horse Sport Ireland held on 11th Feb 2010

Minutes of 27th Board meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the 27th meeting were approved.

Following the minutes, the CEO drew the board's attention to a document listing the 2009 negative analysis results in the FEI MCP Programme. 107 horses ridden by Irish riders in international competitions were tested, all with negative results.

Management Accounts

The Director of Finance said the draft budget would be finalised by the Finance Committee in early March, once the High Performance allocation from the Irish Sports Council was known and the allocation from the Department of Agriculture was finalised. The draft budget would be issued to the board in advance to the next meeting.

Breeding Sub Board Report

Director of Breeding and Programmes Alison Corbally gave the Breeding Sub Board report, a copy of which was included in the packs. She then presented the new breeding policy for the Irish Draught Horse (2010) document. The Board approved the document. The Chairman expressed his thanks to the Breeding Sub Board and to Michael Duignan, Chairman of the Irish Draught Task Force for all the work that had gone into the new breeding policy.

Sport Sub Board Report

The CEO then gave the Sport Sub Board report, a copy of which was included in the packs. The Board approved the Sport Sub Board request authorising each affiliate the right to nominate one named substitute for each designated nominee to the Sports Sub Board.

Horse Sport Ireland Rule Book Implementation

The names of the nine people nominated to constitute the disciplinary panel in line with articles 10 and 11 if the Horse Sport Ireland rule book were reviewed. After discussion it was agreed that all nominees would be approached to see if they would like to be on the panel and company solicitor Gary Rice would be asked to give advice on any conflicts of interest. If all 9 places had not been filled at that stage the CEO would request more nominees.

Team Ireland Equestrian Update

The CEO then gave a presentation and overview of the Team Ireland Equestrian project. Laura Whelan joined the meeting to show the promotional video that was being developed. The board welcomed the initiative and emphasised the importance of increasing the profile of the sport.

Show Jumping High Performance Document

This document had been presented at the previous meeting of the Board. The 1st point under structures was amended to read 'Chairperson of SJI or his/her nominee'. The amendment was accepted and the document was approved by the Board.

Meeting Dates for 2010

Next meeting set for Thursday 25th March. A draft of dates for the rest of the year would be presented at that meeting.

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Invitation to John Treacy

It was decided that the CEO of the Irish Sports Council John Treacy should be invited to an upcoming board meeting.

Sport N.I.

A query was raised in relation to the progress of the application by HSI to be recognised as the governing body for equestrian sport in Northern Ireland by Sport NI .The CEO reported that there had been positive progress in this area and he would have a further update at the next board meeting.

The Chairman thanked the members for what he considered to be a very constructive meeting and the date for the next meeting was set for **Thursday, March 25th at 2pm.**

ENDS

This is a Briefing Note prepared by the CEO at the request of the Board. It has not been approved by the Board of Horse Sport Ireland.