

Briefing Note for the 29th Board Meeting of Horse Sport Ireland held on 25th March 2010

Minutes of 28th Board meeting and matters arising

Apologies were received from Jim Beecher, David Abbot and Larry O'Neill. The Chairman welcomed Jessica Harrington as a Director to the Board.

The minutes of the 28th meeting were approved.

Budget 2010 & Management Accounts

Budget 2010

The Director of Finance and Operations presented in detail the draft budget for 2010. Detailed notes were provided to the Directors by the way of supporting information. The Board was requested to note that the Draft Budget had been reviewed in detail prior to the Board meeting by the Finance Committee. The budget was currently showing a deficit of €79,842. The Finance committee would be keeping expenditure under ongoing review and further cost reduction measures would need to be implemented.

The issue of rental charges was emphasised again and The Director of Finance and Operations reported that he was in discussions with Osberstown developments with a view to reducing this cost by exploring options for longer lease term arrangements. He would also be approaching the SJI with a view to reducing rental costs for the ground floor. Other options in the Kildare area were also being explored.

Management Accounts

The January Management accounts were circulated to the Board. No matters were raised.

Breeding Sub Board Report

The Director of Breeding and Programmes gave a presentation on the new sport Horse breeding policy.

Sport Sub Board Report

The recommendations of the Sport Sub Board from its meeting of 9th March in relation to sports grants for affiliate bodies, International hosting funding and the shared affiliates scheme were approved by the board.

The European Equestrian Federation

The statutes for the new body were circulated. It was noted that originally the intention was that this new body would be titled the European Equestrian Forum. The change in name had been proposed at the meeting to set up the new body. The FEI Secretary General was present at this meeting and had no issue with this. It was noted that the FEI had welcomed the establishment of the body.

The Chairman made it clear that Horse Sport Ireland had signed up to the new body on the basis that it would work within the FEI.

An enquiry was made in relation to the two motions put forward by Horse Sport Ireland at the FEI General Assembly. The CEO reported that Ian Fearon the Pony Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe had written to the President of the FEI on the matter and that he would follow up the matter again.

Affiliation to NRHA

The Director of Finance and Operations reported that Horse Sport Ireland's affiliation to the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) had now been approved and that Horse Sport Ireland were now in the advanced stages of establishing a reining and western riding section. An information evening was being organised in Coilog Equestrian Centre for Friday April 16th.

Meeting Dates for 2010

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Thursday 20th May. The dates for the next two subsequent meetings were set for Thursday July 8th and Thursday September 2nd.

AOB

The Chairman thanked the members for what he considered to be a very constructive meeting and the date for the next meeting was confirmed for **Thursday, May 20th at 2pm.**

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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.