

## **Briefing Note for the 30<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of Horse Sport Ireland held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

### **Minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting and Matters arising**

The minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

### **Management Accounts and Draft 2009 Audited Accounts**

The draft audited accounts for 2009 were circulated to the Board with a copy of the Auditors report. The Director of Finance & Operations circulated the Key Issue Memorandum as prepared by the Auditors Grant Thornton. It was noted that the Finance Committee had reviewed the document in detail at its recent meeting. The Director of Finance & Operations presented the details of the Memorandum. The Board was asked to note that the Memorandum was confidential to the Board. The audited accounts would be put to the Board for approval at the next Board meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

The management accounts for the months of February and March were presented by the Director of Finance & Operations and were noted by the Board.

### **Breeding Sub Board Report**

Mr James Kernan noted the success of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook Classes but expressed concern that when these classes were taken in conjunction with the RDS qualifiers for young horses there were too many young horse competitions taking place within a short space of time. He suggested that SJI and HSI should sit down before next year's classes were decided to try and ensure a better spread of classes.

Ms Jessica Harrington raised the issue of a taskforce on the breeding of eventers which had been referred to in the Breeding Sub Board report and in particular whether Eventing Ireland would be asked to participate. The Director of Breeding & Programmes said that no decision had yet been taken on this matter and that she would revert directly to Ms Harrington on the matter.

### **Sport Sub Board Report**

The Sport Sub Board had not met since the last Board meeting, however the agenda for the forthcoming Sport Sub Board meeting scheduled for Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 2:30 pm was circulated.

### **Meeting with Olympic Council Of Ireland**

The CEO reported on a recent meeting with the Olympic Council of Ireland. He reported that this had been a very constructive meeting and circulated a press release that had been issued after the meeting.

### **Horse Welfare Presentation – IHWT**

Ms Sharon Newsome made a presentation to the Board in relation to the work of the Irish Horse Welfare Trust. The Board noted the importance of the horse welfare issue and congratulated the IHWT on their work. Ms Jessica Harrington noted that the thoroughbred sector had a levy system in place to raise money for the equestrian sector and she asked if something similar could be done on the sport horse side. It was agreed that Ms Harrington would meet with the CEO to look at possible proposals on this matter and come back to the Board with a draft proposal.

**World Equestrian Games update**

The CEO gave a presentation to the Board in relation to plans for the World Equestrian Games (WEG). It is planned to send a full team of 5 Show Jumpers, 5 or 6 Eventers, 2 or 3 Dressage riders, 1 to 4 Para- Equestrian riders and one Reiner. It was noted that the Reiner and one Para-Equestrian rider were based in the USA. The CEO reported that Castleton Lyons Stud farm and Ashford Stud farm in Kentucky had agreed to host the Irish riders in the lead up to the games which would result in some savings.

**Annual General Meeting**

It was agreed that the next Annual General Meeting of Horse Sport Ireland Limited would take place on the same day as the Board meeting which was fixed for September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.

**A.O.B.**

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, July 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 2pm.**

**Signed :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Joe Walsh**

**Chairman**

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