

## **Briefing Note of the 32nd Board Meeting of Horse Sport Ireland held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2010**

The minutes of the 31st meeting were approved.

### **Finance Committee Report & Management Accounts**

The Management accounts for the months of June and July were circulated to the Board. There were no queries raised thereon.

The Finance Director presented a memo from the HSI Finance Committee in relation to the affiliate subscription fees. The Board were asked to note the contents of the memo which included an affiliate subscription fee proposal for 2011 and subsequent years was distributed.

The Board unanimously approved a new basis for the calculation of the annual affiliation subscription fees based on turnover as set out as hereunder :-

<b>FEI DISCIPLINES</b>	
<b><u>TURNOVER BASIS</u></b>	<b>Affiliate</b>
<b>Scale</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Turnover up to €500,000 (Base minimum fee)	€4,000
€500,001 to €1,000,000	€5,000
€1,000,001 to €1,500,000	€10,000
€1,500,001 to €2,000,000	€15,000
€2,000,001 to €2,500,000	€20,000
€2,500,001 to €3,000,000	€25,000
€3,000,000 plus	€30,000

*\* Turnover defined as gross income before expenditure from all sources.*

<b>LEISURE AFFILIATE</b>	
<b><u>TURNOVER</u></b>	
<b>Scale</b>	
Turnover to €50,000	€250
€50,001 to €100,000	€500
€100,001 to €200,00	€750
in excess of €200,001	€1,000

<b>RDAI &amp; PARA EQUESTRIAN &amp; MEDICAL EQUESTRIAN ASSOC.</b>	
<b>FIXED AFFILIATION (NOMINAL)</b>	<b>€200</b>

<b>COMMERCIAL/STATE BODY</b>	
Fixed	€3,330

It was agreed that the 2010 affiliate subscription fees as set previously by the Board be invoiced to the affiliates. On the issue of arrears the board were anxious that this matter would be resolved before the next Board meeting.

### **Breeding Sub Board Report**

The Director of Breeding & Programmes gave the Breeding Sub Board report. The Director of Breeding & Programmes highlighted the areas of recent developments such as The 5 star stallion parade at the RDS, new mare inspections and new breeder's magazine. A letter was also circulated regarding a proposal from the Breeding Sub Board in relation to recording the breeding of competition horses. Breeding Sub Board would like the affiliates to consider making it mandatory that all horses born in 2011 and beyond would have to have recorded breeding in order to be registered for competition.

### **Sport Sub Board**

The CEO presented the Sports Sub Board report. The agenda for the next meeting which is due to take place on September 13<sup>th</sup> was circulated.

The issue of affiliate bodies collecting a levy for Horse welfare would also be discussed based on a request from The Irish Horse Welfare trust.

The topic of the provision of medical services at equestrian events was on the agenda for the meeting.

### **World Equestrian Games update**

The CEO presented an update on the World Equestrian Games and the costs involved in sending teams. It is now intended to send 4/5 show Jumpers, 6 Eventers, 2 Para-equestrian riders, 1 Dressage rider and 1 Reiner. As a result of the increase in the price of flights, extra handling charges and other costs, the total cost of the World Equestrian Games to Horse Sport Ireland would result in a significant high performance budgetary shortfall for 2010.

### **Irish Equine Centre Presentation**

Prof. Tom Buckley & Mark Sherry of the Irish Equine Centre gave a presentation on an outline proposal to establish a forensic service for the sport horse sector.

It was noted that the concept had been discussed with the Irish Sports Council who were supportive of the concept.

The Board were strongly of the view that an industry wide testing system was required and that this proposal from the Equine Centre should be explored further.

### **Horse Sport Ireland Rule Book**

The Horse Sport Ireland legal advisor will be invited to the next Board meeting to discuss implications for Horse Sport Ireland and the affiliate Organisations rules' if HSI is to proceed with a central testing programme.

### **Date of AGM**

The Board agreed the convening of the Horse Sport Ireland AGM for Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2010 and will be preceded by a Board meeting.

### **A.O.B.**

It was reported that first meeting of the Show Jumping High Performance Committee had taken place and that it had gone well.

Ronan Corrigan raised the issue of whether affiliate suspensions resulted in riders being suspended from international competition under Horse Sport Ireland rules. It was agreed that the Horse Sport Ireland legal advisor and the SJI legal advisor would meet with a view to coming to a common view on the matter. It was agreed that the outcome of this meeting would be considered in the first instance by the HSI Board before any action would be taken.

Paul Duffy raised the issue of the de-selection of his son Michael and the pony Sillogue Darkie from the Pony Show Jumping team. Paul Duffy withdrew from the meeting to allow the Board to consider the matter. Following a discussion the Board agreed that this was a matter for the appointed Pony Show Jumping Selection Committee and that they were empowered to make the decision they made based on the advice of the appointed team veterinary surgeon.

The Board noted the excellent results of the Pony Show Jumping Team in winning the Team silver medal at the recent European Championships and of Bertram Allen in winning an individual gold medal. The performance of Sarah O'Brien in winning an individual bronze medal in eventing was also commended.

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 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 2pm.**