

Briefing Note of the 33rd Board Meeting of Horse Sport Ireland held on 28th October 2010

Minutes of 32nd Board Meeting and Matters arising

The minutes of the 32nd meeting were approved. The issue of progress in relation to the National Medication and Anti-doping programme was raised. It was agreed that the Management team would meet with each affiliate body to explain the rationale behind the new programme. This would also provide for an opportunity for each affiliate to bring up any issues they wished to raise and discuss with Horse Sport Ireland.

Horse Sport Ireland Rule Book

Horse Sport Ireland's legal advisor Gary Rice explained a proposal to alter the Horse Sport Ireland Rule Book to address the issue of the recognition of affiliate suspensions and specifically to prevent riders who were suspended nationally from representing Ireland at international level.

The document was approved and will now be put before the Horse Sport Ireland Annual General Meeting.

Management Accounts

The Finance Director invited questions on the Management accounts which had been circulated prior to the meeting. There were no questions raised on the Management accounts.

Breeding Sub Board Report

The Director of Breeding & Programmes gave the Breeding Sub Board report. The victory of Clement Mc Mahon with the horse 'NLS Coole Al Clover' in the 6 year old World Breeding Federation Championships was highlighted as was the victory of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook at the World Breeding Championships for eventing in Le Lion d'Angers.

Sport Sub Board Report

A report on the most recent meeting of the Sport Sub Board was circulated.

World Equestrian Games Review Process

It was agreed that there would be a detailed review of the Irish teams performance at the World Equestrian Games at the next Board meeting on December 9th. Colonel Ned Campion, Robert Splaine and Ginny Elliot will be invited to attend the meeting.

Castleton Lyons and Ashford Stud were thanked once again for providing accommodation for the riders in the lead up the games which had resulted in significant savings.

The CEO concluded by emphasising the importance of securing Olympic qualification for the Irish teams.

Horse Welfare

Horse Sport Ireland, Horse Racing Ireland and the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (ITBA) had come together to produce an industry response to the recent UCD report on Horse Welfare. The group had produced a draft document which was circulated. Each Board member was asked to submit any comments they had on the document to the CEO as soon as practicable.

FEI General Assembly

The Board agreed unanimously that Horse Sport Ireland should vote in favour of adopting the new list of prohibited substances that would be proposed at the GA. Letters from Show Jumping Ireland and Eventing Ireland insisting that the ban on the use of NSAID's in competitions should remain were noted.

The Chairman said that on the basis that the issue of NSAID's had been resolved he was recommending that Horse Sport Ireland should support Princess Haya for a second term. This proposal was approved unanimously.

A.O.B.

The CEO reported that following the completion of an internal recruitment process Triona Connors had secured the position of Equestrian Sport Co-ordinator.

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 9th December 2010 at 2pm and that this would be preceded by the company AGM at 1.30pm