

**Briefing Note of the 40<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of Horse Sport Ireland held on**  
**1<sup>st</sup> December 2011**

The Chairman welcomed Samuel Smyth to the Board who was replacing Hugh McCusker as the Northern Ireland Horse Board (NIHB) nominee.

**Minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and Matters Arising:**

The minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> Board meeting were approved.

**Board Correspondence:**

The CEO gave an overview of a letter received from the Chief Executive of the Turf Club which informed HSI that the Turf Club had set up a sub-committee group to examine the whip rules in Ireland.

**Management Accounts:**

The Director of Finance presented the Horse Sport Ireland October year to date management accounts. A copy of the management accounts were included in the meeting pack. He noted that these were draft and subject to the review of the Finance Committee. The Chairman invited any questions on the accounts.

A query on the zero affiliation fee for the NIHB recorded in the year to date actuals was raised. The Director of Finance said the matter of an affiliation fee was part of the on-going negotiations with the NIHB and was included in the document outlining the proposed NIHB affiliation model to HSI which was currently with the NIHB for consideration. He said a follow up meeting with the NIHB and had been scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> December and it was hoped to have the model agreed by the end of the year.

**Breeding Sub Board Report:**

The Director of Breeding & Programmes presented the Breeding Sub Board Report. With regards to the regional breeder seminars she commented that these had been well attended and feedback from them was good. In relation to the 2012 stallion inspections she commented that there were changes to the inspection process for 2012 with a reduced number of inspectors. A late application fee had been introduced to incentivise applicants to apply on time due to the large number of late applications in 2011.

She invited any questions on the Breeding Sub Board Report. The Board welcomed the Studbook rules changes outlined in the report in relation to the 'New criteria for approval of progeny of NA2 and Entry Stallions'.

### **Sport Sub Board Report:**

The CEO presented the Sport Sub Board Report and invited any questions. The Board commended the Horse Riding Schools' Pilot Programme which the CEO said would run again in Spring 2012. Feedback from the Board was that a lot of children had become involved in horse riding as a result.

### **National Medication and Anti-Doping Programme Rules:**

The CEO gave an update on the progress of the Equine Anti-Doping and Equine Controlled Medication Rules (EAD/ECM). He said that following input from SJI and the National Head FEI Veterinarian in Ireland, Dermot Forde, amendments had been made to Draft 5 of the rules by company legal advisors Beauchamps Solicitors through the Rules Committee.

There were some questions regarding the sanctions in the rules which the CEO answered. There was further discussion on whether the rules should apply to all Affiliates, including those who had indicated they did not wish to sign up at this point. The CEO said he would be meeting with these Affiliates to understand their concerns. He emphasised that the priority at the moment was to have the rules signed off and to have a robust Medication and Anti-Doping Control Programme in place for 2012.

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

#### **Federation of Irish Sport Review 2011:**

Copies of the Federation of Irish Sport 2011 review were available for Board members to take away.

#### **Date of Next Board Meeting:**

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

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