

**Briefing Note of the 48th Board Meeting of Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) held on
12th February 2013 at the Killashee House Hotel, Naas, Co, Kildare**

Introduction of the new Chairman of HSI:

The new Chairman, Professor Patrick Wall, introduced himself to the Board. Professor Wall said he was very honoured to accept the role of Chairman of Horse Sport Ireland, having being approached to take up the position by the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, Mr Leo Varadkar. Professor Wall acknowledged the exemplary work and progress made by the outgoing Chairman Mr Joe Walsh since Horse Sport Ireland became a governing Body in 2008.

Showjumping High Performance Manager:

The Chairman said following 2nd round interviews on Monday 11th February with the three short listed candidates, Robert Splaine was selected by the interview panel for re-appointment as High Performance Manager for the Irish Senior Showjumping Team. The Chairman put the recommendation of the interview panel to the Board for ratification.

The Chairman said that while the other two candidates had performed very strongly throughout the interview process, there was clear consensus from the interview panel on the selection of Robert Splaine. He acknowledged the other candidates for putting themselves forward and taking part in the recruitment process.

The Board approved the recommendation of the interview panel to re-appoint Robert Splaine. The Chairman said that following approval by the Board, Mark O'Donnell of Amrop Strategis would now contact the two unsuccessful candidates to inform them of the decision.

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The Chairman said that one of the processes he would like to get underway was the devising of a strategic plan for the next four years. He proposed to commence the process at the next Board meeting.

The Chairman invited each of the Board members to give input on behalf of the organisations/sections they represented on issues facing the sector.

The next Board meeting was provisionally scheduled for the morning of **Tuesday 26th March**. It was agreed to have a further meeting on the afternoon of the next Board meeting to commence the strategic planning process. The proposed visit to Abbotstown would be postponed to a later Board meeting.

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