

Briefing Note of the 58th Horse Sport Ireland Board Meeting held on

Tuesday 15th July 2014 @ 10am in HSI Offices

Minutes of the 57th Board Meeting and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the 57th HSI Board meeting held on 27th May 2014 were approved.

The Director of Breeding & Programmes updated the Board regarding the derogation application submitted to the Department of Agriculture seeking the inclusion of thoroughbreds within the Irish Sport Horse studbook competition series. The Board was informed that the Department were looking into the matter. HSI have requested that the maximum number of thoroughbreds be allowed compete, specifically that stallions and mares be included.

Strategic Plan Update

An update on the Strategy for the Sport Horse Sector 2015 – 2025 was presented.

Presentation slides had been circulated in the Board pack. The Board was asked to consider the key themes emerging in the Strategic Plan as:

- Improving breeding
- Developing young horses and ponies
- Education and licencing
- Improving marketing
- Equine tourism, recreation and leisure
- Improving horse welfare

The CEO advised that the following meetings took place:

- 13 working group meetings
- 3 steering group meetings 2 industry leader meetings
- 5 public meetings (approx. 1000 attended)
- 68 email submissions
- 5 submissions by post
- 572 feedback questionnaires completed at the public meetings

Nominations for FEI Committees

Dermot Forde has expressed an interest in going forward for the FEI Veterinary Committee. This was approved by the Board.

The Board were advised that both Dr Antonia Lehane and Dr Mary O’Flynn-Flannery have applied to join the FEI Medical Committee. It was agreed that both names should, if possible, be proposed to the FEI to fill the current FEI vacancy.

Finance Update

The Director of Finance presented the management account summary for the five months ending 31st May 2014.

Breeding Update

The Director of Breeding and Programmes presented the Breeding Board Report.

The Director of Breeding and Programmes advised that HSI proposes to publish on the HSI website the list of covering certs received so that mare owners can search to see if their mare’s certificate has been received by HSI and if not address the reasons with the stallion owner. It is envisaged that this will reduce the high number of phone calls received in the office.

The Director of Breeding and Programmes also advised that it is proposed to develop an on-line stallion covering certificate system, which will facilitate stallion owners in submitting coverings electronically.

The Director of Breeding and Programmes also advised that HSI will develop a sample contract between a stallion owner and a mare owner. The purpose of this contract is to bring clarity to the arrangement made between the parties.

A.O.B.

FEI General Regulations Article 113 and Article 156.

A discussion document was presented in respect of FEI General Regulations Article 113 and Article 156.

Points discussed included:

- Any show sanctioned by an FEI discipline affiliate will be deemed to be sanctioned by HSI, as the National Federation, for the purposes of complying with the FEI Rule.
- That discussions need to take place regarding unsanctioned events and such events working alongside sanctioned events before 2015, to implement the FEI rules.
- Insurance was also raised as an issue.

The CEO has requested feedback from the Board members by the next HSI Board meeting on 16th September 2014.

Tom Reed

Brian MacSweeney advised that he received a telephone call from Tom Reed who has issues with Horse Sport Ireland being called the “National Governing Body”.

The CEO advised that Tom Reed has written to the FEI, ISC and OCI challenging the process used by the FEI, ISC and OCI in recognising HSI.

The CEO circulated letters from the FEI and OCI from the time of HSI establishment, confirming their respective recognition of Horse Sport Ireland. He advised that the ISC had responded directly to Tom Reed.

Dressage High Performance

The CEO also circulated as a draft document the HP Dressage Athlete Selection Policy for WEG and advised that the advertisement for the voluntary position of Dressage High Performance Chef D’Equipe for WEG has been placed and the successful candidate was Amanda Renouard and the Selection Committee were recommending her appointment to the Board. Her selection was approved by the Board.

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This Briefing Note was prepared by the CEO at the request of the HSI Board; it is not an official *minute* of the meeting and has not been approved by the Board.