



National  
Trainers  
Federation

**MINUTES OF THE  
FORTY SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE NATIONAL TRAINERS FEDERATION  
HELD ON THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020  
AT THE  
STAMFORD BRIDGE, FULHAM ROAD, LONDON, SW6 1HS**

**PRESENT:** Mrs A Duffield (Chairman)

Mr N Alexander, Mr R Beckett, Mr J Boyle, Mrs R Carr, Mr B Case, Mr H Charlton (for Mr R Charlton), Mr T Clover, Mrs S Corbett, Mr T Dascombe, Mr S Earle, Mr J Ferguson, Mr J Given, Mr O Greenall, Mrs D Grissell, Mr R Guest, Mrs L Hill, Mr P Hobbs, Mrs S Hobbs, Mr R Hughes, Mr R Ingram, Mr M Johnson BVMS MRCVS, Miss E Johnson Houghton, Mr D Kübler, Miss E Lavelle, Mr T Lawes, Mr C Longsdon, Mr J Moffatt, Hon. H Morrison, Mr S Mullins, Miss A Murphy, Hon. H Palmer, Mr G Scott, Miss S Smith, Mr J Snowden, Mr R Varian, Mr P Walker, Miss V Williams and Mr D Wilson (for Mr G Moore)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr R Arnold (Chief Executive)

Miss D Bacchus, Miss A Enticknap, Mr B Johnson, Mr C Marriott, Mr G Noad, Mr P Treadgold and Mr B Williams

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Miss L Allan, Mr C Allen, Mr E Alston, Mr M Appleby, Mr C Appleby, Mr J Auvray, Mr K Bailey, Mrs C Bailey, Mr G Baker, Mr A Balding, Mr R Bandey, Ms S Barclay, Mr B Barr, Mr M Bell, Mr J Bennett, Mr J Berry, Hon J Bethell, Mr S bin Suroor, Mr F Bishop, Mr M Blanshard, Mr M Bosley, Mr M Botti, Mr G Boughey, Mr A Brittain, Mrs J Brooke, Mr A Brown, Mr O Burrows, Miss J Camacho, Mr M Campion, Mr H Candy, Mr P Chamings, Mr M Chapman, Mr T Clover, Mr D Coakley, Mr R Craggs, Mr S Crisford, Miss J Crook, Mr L Dace, Mr P Dando, Mr G Deacon, Mr D Dennis, Mrs R Dobbin, Mr M Dods, Mr S Dow, Mr C Drew, Miss J du Plessis, Mr H Dunlop, Mr E Dunlop, Miss C Dyson, Mr R Eddery, Mr J Eustace, Mr J Fanshawe, Miss J Feiden, Mr C Fellowes, Mrs R Ford, Mr J Frost, Mr H Fry, Mr N Gifford, Mr J Gosden OBE, Mr W Haggas, Mr A Hales, Mrs A Hamilton, Mr M Hammond, Miss G Harris, Mr S Harris, Mr A Honeyball, Mrs S Humphrey, Mr D Ivory, Miss R Jefferson, Mr D Jeffreys, Mrs L Jewell, Mr M Keighley, Ms G Kelleway, Mr A King, Mr P Kirby, Mr S Kirk, Mr W Knight, Mr D Lanigan, Ms K Lee, Mr B Llewellyn, Mr D Loughnane, Mr D Loughnane, Mr C Mann, Mrs J Mason, Ms K McLintock, Mr M Meade, Mr B Meehan, Miss R Menzies, Mr R Millman, Mr N Mitchell, Mr W Muir, Mr P Murphy, Mr F Murtagh, Mr P Nicholls OBE, Mr F O'Brien, Mr J O'Keefe, Mr D O'Meara, Mr J O'Neill, Mr J Osborne, Mr M Pattinson, Mr O Pears, Miss L Perratt, Mr P Phelan, Mr R Phillips, Mr D Pipe, Mr J Portman, Mrs C Poulton, Sir M Prescott Bt., Miss K Price, Mr M Quinn, Mr J Quinn, Mr T Reed, Mrs L Richards, Miss P Robson, Mr R Rowe, Miss L Russell OBE, Mr K Ryan, Mr J Scott, Mr G Scott, Mr M Sheppard, Mr

O Sherwood, Mr D Simcock, Mr D Skelton, Mrs P Sly, Mr B Smart, Mr M Smith, Mr P Stephen, Mrs K Stephens, Mr W Storey, Sir M Stoute, Mrs L Stubbs, Mr T Symonds, Mr J Tate, Mr R Teal, Sir M Todd, Mr J Unett, Mr E Vaughan, Mrs L Wadham, Mr M Walford, Mr E Walker, Mr T Wall, Mr B Watt, Mr R Whitaker, Mr H Whittington, Mr M Wigham, Mr N Williams and Mr I Williams

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

The President welcomed those present to the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.

**1. To Approve the Minutes of the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

The Minutes of the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting were proposed by T Dascombe and seconded by R Carr.

**2. To Approve the Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019**

The Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 were proposed by D Kübler and seconded by T Hill. R Arnold informed the AGM that the contributions to the Legal Expenses Insurance had not been taken because a check was being made on the liability for VAT. Trainers' deductions would be made in the next few weeks.

**3. To Receive the President's Report**

The President referred to her printed report. She recommended trainers to read the report, which illustrates the extensive work done by the Executive on behalf of members. The President highlighted the important year ahead with a new Chief Executive for the BHA to be recruited.

**4. To Confirm Election of the President and Triumvirate**

The Chief Executive asked the AGM to confirm E Lavelle as President through a show of hands. The AGM approved.

R Arnold asked the AGM to confirm N Alexander as the third member of the President triumvirate through a show of hands. The AGM approved.

**5. Any Other Business**

H Morrison highlighted that some members increasingly felt the BHA were not accountable and asked what the Chief Executive had meant when saying the BHA could be sacked. The Chief Executive explained that the BHA is owned by its members, who have the power to hold the BHA to account acting on a unanimous basis. R Beckett

highlighted the importance of trainers having a clear directive for the representation on the Members Committee.

The AGM asked what preparations are being made for Coronavirus. The Chief Executive informed the AGM that there are two lines of thought within the sport. The first is quite alarmist and that the virus could shut down all sports. The second is keeping in line with government policy in preparing businesses for the worst but trying to continue with improved hygiene. The AGM felt racing behind closed doors should be an option.

The AGM closed at 12:40

The AGM welcomed Barry Johnson Chairman of the Horse Welfare Board, who summarised the sport's horse welfare strategy, and answered questions.