



National
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**MINUTES OF THE
FORTY EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE NATIONAL TRAINERS FEDERATION
HELD ON THURSDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2021
VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT: Miss E Lavelle (Chairman)

Mr N Alexander, Mr JR Auvray, Mr R Beckett, Mr M Bell, Mr J Berry, Mr F Bishop, Mr M Botti, Mr S Brown (for Miss JA Camacho), Mr M Champion, Mrs R Carr, Mr H Charlton (for Mr R Charlton), Mr W de Best Turner, Mrs A Duffield, Mr E Dunlop, Miss D Dykes (for Mr S bin Suroor), Mr S Earle, Mr O Greenall, Mrs D Grissell, Mr R Guest, Mr W Haggas, Mrs T Hill, Mr P Hobbs, Miss E Johnson Houghton, Mr M Johnston BVMS MRCVS, Mr & Mrs D Kübler, Miss K Lee, Mr M Loughnane, Mr R Millman, Mr J Moffatt, Hon. H Morrison, Mr W Muir, Mr S Mullins, Miss A Murphy, Mr M Nicholls (for Mr K Bailey), Mrs A O'Keeffe (for Mr J O'Keeffe), Mr R Phillips, Mr G Scott, Mr M Sheppard, Mr B Smart, Miss S Smith, Mr J Snowden, Mr N Tinkler, Mr R Varian, Mr E Walker and Mr T Ward

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr R Arnold (Chief Executive)

Miss D Bacchus, J Crook, Mr C Hamblin MRVCS, Mrs J Harrington, Mr C Marriott TD.MA(Oxon).FRICS.IRRV, Mr G Noad, Miss S Perham, Mr P Treadgold ICAEW and Mr B Williams

APOLOGIES for ABSENCE:

Miss L Allan, Mr J Bennett, Hon. J Bethell, Mr F Bishop, Mr M Blanshard, Mr M Bosley, Mr G Boughey, Mr K Burke, Mr H Candy, Mr M Channon, Mr D Coakley, Mr S&E Crisford, Mr T Dascombe, Mr M Dods, Mr C Drew, Mr H Dunlop, Miss C Dyson, Mr R Eddery, Mr J Eustace, Mr J Fanshawe, Miss J Feilden, Mrs R Ford, Miss J Foster, Mr S Harris, Mr G Harris, Miss C Hobson, Mrs S Humphrey, Mr D Ivory, Mr T Kent, Mr A King, Mr S Kittow, Mr J Mackie, Mr T McCarthy, Mr G Moore, Miss L Morgan, Mr B Murtagh, Mr J Norton, Mr G Oldroyd, Mr J O'Neill, Mr C&A Pogson, Mr J Portman, Sir M Prescott Bt., Mr A Ralph, Mr M Scudamore, Mr O Sherwood, Mr T Symonds, Mr J Tate, Mr M Usher, Mr R Whitaker, Mr H Whittington and Mr I Williams

The meeting opened at 14.05

The President welcomed those present to the 48th Annual General Meeting and welcomed J Harrington (BHA Chief Executive) who outlined the main priorities for the BHA in the coming months.

- 1) To protect the sports ability to stay operational Behind Closed Doors
- 2) The post COVID recovery plan
- 3) Racing's relationship with betting – The affordability review and gambling review
- 4) The efficiency of the BHA
- 5) Digital Reform – this will be a joint venture with BHA and Weatherbys
- 6) The Horse Welfare Board Strategy – reviewing the use of the whip
- 7) Brexit
- 8) Diversity and inclusion

The AGM asked questions on the priorities of the BHA.

The President thanked J Harrington for coming to the AGM.

1. To Approve the Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting were approved by a vote.

2. To Approve the Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2020

The Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2020 were approved by a vote.

3. To Receive the President's Report

The President highlighted her report. She recommended trainers to read the report, which illustrates the extensive work done by the Executive on behalf of members during a very difficult year. W Haggas commended the NTF for its work but suggested the AGM should commend Dr Jerry Hill for all his work. The AGM agreed and suggested he should be put forward for the honours list.

4. To Confirm Election of the President and Triumvirate

The Chief Executive explained that the previous three Presidents had served two terms and it had been suggested the same should also be the case for this year's President. The NTF Council had approved the proposal. The Chief Executive asked the AGM to confirm E Lavelle as President for a further year. The AGM approved.

5. Horse Welfare

The Chief Executive outlined the plans for a National Racehorse Week to demonstrate to the public the high standards of equine welfare in racing. R Phillips highlighted how the event would be a good thing for the industry allowing trainers to get on the front foot to do something positive and celebrate the racehorse.

O Greenall, J Berry, S Smith, T Hill, M Johnston, M Loughnane, A Murphy, J Snowden, W de Best Turner, A O'Keefe, E Johnson Houghton, E Dunlop, E Lavelle, W Muir, D Grissell supported the proposal and offered to be involved in the week

6. Any Other Business

The Chief Executive highlighted a desire by some members of the Council to increase the benefits for members. This could include

- Negotiating a discount for the Racing Post ultimate subscription.
- NTF sponsoring races in the same way the amateur associations sponsor races to encourage the more trainers to join.

However, this all depends on the budget.

N Alexander highlighted the frustration of the number of trainers not being members of the NTF but benefiting from the work. The executive needs to be aware when non-members are trying to get information. However, the AGM suggested caution in restricting races to NTF members

Future meetings will probably be by zoom because of the savings on room hire and travel expenses. Last year 30 trainers came to the AGM compared to 46 this time.

The President thanked the members for coming to the AGM and the meeting closed at 15:50.