

NATIONALLY

The structure of the BHRC administration has to change – the present system where there are grand- parents votes and traditions needs to be updated.

I would suggest a change based on the three countries represented within BHRC - owners to be classified according to their residential address, each country to be represented by e.g. 1 rep per 100 licence holders. Presuming 1000 licence holders this would provide a representative board of 10 from which a chair and vice chair (diff countries) could be chosen. Chair to be rotated every two years with the vice-chair succeeding this would allow for consistent succession. Each board member not including the chair and vice chair to hold a given a portfolio e.g. promotion, sponsorship, finance, stewarding, rules, integrity, fixtures.

Office to remain as focal point for entries and general administration of such matters as handicapping. Should include STAGBI admin if possible, perhaps incorporating one STAGBI director on BHRC board would be an idea. IHRC could be invited to join the party thus improving the service from Ireland and incorporating the Irish owners under one umbrella.

Need to speak to both York and Tir Prince re their fixtures not only in 2015 but for the next three years so that owners/trainers can plan ahead there is too much uncertainty at present which has been exacerbated by the loss of the Crock of Gold partially due to loss of TV coverage and partially because Tir Prince did not fulfil their fixtures in 2014. Track owners making announcements that they will not be applying for fixtures in the following season does not help the situation either.

Create a series similar to the Le Trot series – outside current handicap system which will satisfy a lot of owners and may get people to accept different forms of condition racing. This can be done on a national level and also more localised e.g. Corbiewood could organise a series, W&West could organise a series etc. Have attached a suggested national series including how it could be funded – have been guaranteed £5k per year for the next three years from the Standardbred Sales Co. plus a provisional agreement to further funding via a % rebate on the money spent on horses in sales in North America.

LOCALLY

Local issues to be dealt with by local associations and their own governing committee

Horses to be registered with each region individually depending where they actually run e.g. using current figures £15 per region therefore if a horse only ran in one country race fees would be £15. Part of this to be retained by region part to be paid to BHRC.

I think this would help in bringing in the Wales and Borders members under the same umbrella as they would be joining a Welsh association and not be seen to be joining the BHRC.