

1 September 2015

CIRCULAR NO 1505

TO: THE SECRETARY, ALL TOTALISATOR CLUBS AND KINDRED BODIES

FROM: EDWARD RENNELL, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: BOARD NEWS

Following is a summary of major items considered at the HRNZ Board meeting on 27 August 2015:

1. HRNZ Portfolios and Sub-Committees

As this was the Board's first meeting post the Annual Conference, the Board confirmed Sub-Committees and Portfolio allocations for the 2015/16 Board term. A copy of this is **attached, Appendix 1**, including details of Board meeting dates.

2. Inter-Code Funding Agreement

The Board reviewed the Code Funding Distribution Agreement for 2015/16 that has been agreed to by the NZRB, NZTR and HRNZ. It was noted that this has been rejected by GRNZ who are likely to seek a judicial review of this. The agreement provides for funding to the codes consistent with the previous funding agreement, with any additional NZRB funding then split on a market share basis on gross betting margin – not turnover.

3. Vision For The Future – Proposed New Club Based Model

The Board had a planning session to confirm strategies for progressing this concept as presented at the Annual Conference. The next step in the process is for regional meetings over the next six weeks to determine issues and opportunities to implement this within each defined area. Meetings have been arranged as follows:

- Mid-South Canterbury Thursday, 3 September (Ashburton)
- Seddon Shields Wednesday, 9 September (Blenheim)
- Rangiora/Motukarara Saturday, 19 September (Christchurch)
- Otago Thursday, 24 September (Dunedin)
- Southland Wednesday, 7 October (Invercargill)
- Waikato Thursday, 8 October (Cambridge)
- Auckland Friday, 9 October (Auckland)
- Central Districts Thursday, 15 October (Palmerston North)

4. Annual Conference and Annual Awards Debrief

The Board held a debrief on both these events with a focus on what enhancements can be made for future years. Any feedback from clubs or kindred bodies on these is also welcome.

The Board also resolved that the following awards be (re)introduced for 2015/16:

- 4YO Pacing Colt & Gelding
- 4YO Pacing Mare
- 4YO Trotting Colt & Gelding
- 4YO Trotting Mare
- Trotting Stallion of the Year
- Trotting Broodmare of the Year

5. Handicapping Changes

The Board reviewed recommendations arising from the Handicapping Sub-Committee meeting held on 8 July. Changes approved are summarised as follows:

- Change to 2YO concessions whereby every 2nd win under \$15,000 will be penalty bearing upon becoming a 3YO (Handicapping Regulations);
- Provision for up to three qualifiers to be placed in a maiden trial of the same gait and to be deemed to qualify if they better the standard time (Qualifying Test Regulations);
- Extension of the maximum number of wins for concession junior driver claims from 30 to 50 wins (Handicapping Regulations);
- New system of determining entrants in NZ Junior Driving Championship taking into account all juniors' drives given some regions do not hold full junior driving races.

Further information backgrounding these changes in more detail is outlined in Circular 1504.

6. NZ Trotting Owners' Association Review

HRNZ is assisting the NZ Trotting Owners' Association (TOA) review its Constitution, objectives and operations. The Association's current Constitution is based upon accreditation and requires updating to reflect its current structures. The next step in this review will involve a survey of owners to ascertain their expectations of the TOA.

7. Unpaid Forfeit List (UFL)

The current rules pertaining to the UFL apply to arrears due to either HRNZ or a club or for unpaid stud or training fees. HRNZ is to seek legal advice on the merits and options of extending this to cover other racing related debts. This will be reviewed further by the Rules Sub-Committee in conjunction with the kindred bodies.

8. In Brief

Other matters considered included:

- Approval of Hawea Picnic Racing Club as a non-totalisator club under the Rules so the club can continue with its equalisator meeting at Wanaka at Christmas time
- Confirmation from the Minister of the reappointment of Glenda Hughes, Rod Croon, Graham Cooney and Alistair Ryan to the NZRB
- Internationalisation re-negotiation update
- Update re strategies to grow exported turnover
- Review of the industry submission on the Buildings (Earthquake-prone) Amendment Bill (copy available upon request)
- Review of industry submission to the Ministerial forum on Alcohol Advertising and Sponsorship (copy available on request)
- Schedule of Health & Safety regional workshops
- Amendment to the Breeding regulations to reflect the change to DNA testing

9. Next Meeting

Wednesday, 7 October

Sub-Committees, 6 October - Audit & Finance and Animal Welfare

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward Rennell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edward Rennell
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

2015/16 BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES

SUB-COMMITTEE	MEMBERS	STAFF RESPONSIBILITY	MEETING DATE/S
Dates	Ken Spicer (Chair), Allan Brown, John Ayoub, Jason Broad, Mark Jones, Brian Rabbitt, Kevin Smith, Kerry Wells	Edward Rennell Darrin Williams	Sunday, 8 November
Group Races	Ken Spicer (Chair), Colin Hair, Bruce Barlass, Mark Jones, Cleland Murdoch, Brian Rabbitt, Kevin Smith	Andrew Morris	TBC
Breeders' Liaison	Ailsa Smaill (Chair), Colin Hair, Steve Phillips, Ken Spicer, Bruce Carter, John Mooney, Cleland Murdoch	Darrin Williams, Kiely Buttell	Sunday, 8 November
Audit and Finance	Colin Hair (Chair), Bruce Carter, Greg Crawford, Barry Dent, Steve Phillips	Jenny Fleming	Tuesday, 6 October
Handicapping	Rob Lawson (Chair), Allan Brown, Ken Barron, Jason Broad, Brian Rabbitt, Kevin Smith	Andrew Morris	TBC
Rules and Regulations	Barry Dent (Chair), Allan Brown, Greg Crawford, Rob Lawson, Steve Phillips	Edward Rennell	TBC
Animal Welfare	Brian Wastney (Chair), Ailsa Smaill, Jasmine Tanner, Rob Lawson, Shane Renault (RIU)	Pete Ydgren, Kiely Buttell	Tuesday, 6 October
Strategic Vision	Brian Wastney (Chair), Gary Allen, Bruce Carter, Ken Spicer	Edward Rennell, Pete Ydgren	TBC

PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES

PORTFOLIO	ALLOCATED TO	STAFF RESPONSIBILITY
Amateur Driving	Steve Phillips	Maria Harris
CBHL	Colin Hair (Chair), Ken Spicer, Peter Smith	Jenny Fleming
Equine Research Foundation / Equine Health	Edward Rennell	Edward Rennell
Youth & Education	Ailsa Smaill	Natalie Gameson, Pete Ydgren
International Liaison/ Inter Dominion Event Committee	Gary Allen	Edward Rennell
NZ Racing Board/CRIG	Gary Allen	Edward Rennell
Owners	Greg Crawford	Pete Ydgren
Racing Integrity Unit, Judicial	Steve Phillips	Edward Rennell
Sires Stakes Board	Ken Spicer	Darrin Williams
Standardbred Breeders	Colin Hair	Darrin Williams
Trainers & Drivers	Rob Lawson	Andrew Morris

2015/16 BOARD MEETING DATES

DATE	LOCATION
Thursday, 27 August 2015	Christchurch
Wednesday, 7 October 2015	Christchurch
Monday, 9 November 2015	Christchurch
Monday, 7 December 2015	Christchurch
Thursday, 25 February 2016	Christchurch
Thursday, 7 April 2016	Christchurch
Friday, 3 June 2016	Hamilton
Thursday, 7 July 2016	Christchurch
Annual Conference 2016, TBC	Christchurch

- * Chairman ex-officio on all Sub-Committees with full voting rights
 ** Chair of Sub-Committees to determine if HRNZ staff have voting rights on their respective Sub-Committee
 *** Board members entitled to sit in on all Sub-Committee meetings as observers if not on Sub-Committee
 **** Observers do not have voting rights

BOARD MEMBERS' CLUB LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES

BOARD MEMBER	PROPOSED "SUPERCLUB"	CLUB
Bruce Carter / Steve Phillips	Auckland Trotting Club	Auckland Northland Kumeu Thames
Rob Lawson	Harness Racing Waikato	Harness Racing Waikato Bay of Plenty Morrinsville
Allan Brown	Central Districts Harness Racing	Manawatu Taranaki Stratford Hawera Kapiti Coast Wairarapa Wanganui
Brian Wastney	Seddon Shields Harness Racing	Westport Reefton Nelson Marlborough Kaikoura
Barry Dent	NZ Metropolitan Trotting Club	NZMTC
Colin Hair / Ken Spicer	Canterbury Country Harness Racing	Rangiora Cheviot Amberley Banks Peninsula Akaroa
Greg Crawford / Colin Hair	Mid/South Canterbury Harness Racing	Ashburton Methven Geraldine Hororata Timaru
Ken Spicer / Greg Crawford	Harness Racing Otago	Forbury Park Tuapeka Oamaru Kurow Waimate Roxburgh Central Otago Waikouaiti
Ailsa Smaill	Southland Harness Racing	Invercargill Gore Wyndham Winton Northern Southland Wairio Riverton

REGIONAL LICENSING COMMITTEES

REGION	MEMBERS
NORTHERN	John Muirhead, Neil Grimstone, Steve Mulcay, David Butcher, Steve Phillips, Sally Waters (Allan Brown to be consulted on CD issues)
CANTERBURY	Brian Wastney, Nick Ydgren, Bruce Hutton, Natalie Gameson, Kylie Williams
OTAGO/SOUTHLAND	Ailsa Smaill, Barry Kitto, Chris Allison, Gordon Lee