

MINUTES

Of the Board Video Conference Call - December 18th 2020

1. To Record Attendance and Apologies for Absence.

Present:

Martin Winter
Maggie Curtis
Nick Fellows
Peter James
Clare Lobb
Patrick Donovan

Kylie Cooper
Keir Boissevain

Apologies:

Simon Waring
Steve Sopp
Abbie Lench

1. **Racing Insurance Proposal** – following on from a proposal from the Racing Committee to operate the 2021 season of events under an alternative “per event” insurance scheme with additional (but limited) personal accident cover, the Board had arranged a video conference call with the wider Racing community. This had taken place on 12th December where a summary document was presented as to the key facts of the insurance situation which had been investigated over a prolonged period since March 2019.

It was unanimously agreed by those present that BWSW would not be able to sanction any racing events or related training for season 2021 and the discipline would now be suspended. The decision was made in light of the very significant and concerning gaps in third party liability insurance cover under the draft proposal presented to the Board by the Racing Committee. However, BWSW remained committed to work with the racing community to find a longer-term insurance solution to the operation of the sport despite the difficult marine market situation. BWSW would remain open to considering any new potential insurance proposals and would follow up any leads diligently.

In terms of the make-up of the Racing Committee and having a united front representing the racing community and the future of the sport, the current Chair to be asked to consider the make up of the committee and the need to appoint new members to the Racing Committee. BWSW would be able to support and facilitate a recruitment process via an online process in the New Year. It was noted that there were members of the current committee who were not current BWSW associate members who would now need to join by the end of this month or stand down from the committee.

Action: Patrick would circulate a communication firstly via the Racing Chair to highlight this decision to the racing community and would speak to the Chair re the committee membership. Martin would contact and follow up with the IWWF Chair re

this decision which would have implications for sanctioned international events.

2. **AOB**

Peter briefly provided an update on the ongoing development of membership initiatives following on from a call with Keir and Kylie yesterday. Peter would circulate draft club/centre communications in due course prior to the next Board meeting.

3. **Confirmation of Future Meeting Dates.**

Board:

Weds 13th Jan 2021 17:00 Conference Call re Action Log and AGM
Note change of meeting time (was 08:30AM)

Advisory Council:

TBC

AGM:

Sun 24th January 2021 Via Video Conferencing

The meeting closed at 09:30

Minuted by:

Patrick Donovan
CEO