

REPORT TO: The Musselburgh Racing Associated Committee

MEETING DATE: Tuesday 3 July 2018

BY: Racecourse Health & Safety Officer

SUBJECT: Health & Safety Report

1 PURPOSE

To advise the MRAC of Health and Safety Management at Musselburgh Racecourse.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The MRAC is asked to note the report

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 HEALTH AND SAFETY DIARY DATES TO NOTE:

- **30/03/18** – Annual Safety Certificate issued. No issues to report.
- **05/04/18** – Annual Raceday staff Health and Safety Briefing took place – Included all Emergency Procedures and Health and Safety legislation. Scenarios to be included that could occur on any raceday.
- **02/06/18 / 09/06/18** – Raceday Safety Control Room in operation – Enhanced the safety and security operation on the racecourses Category A race fixtures. Police Command – Raceday Safety Officer managed all aspects of the racedays Safety Operation.
- **04/07/18** – Safety Staff raceday on job assessments – To monitor the safety staff whilst on duty on a raceday.
- **18/07/17** – Quarterly Health and Safety Meeting planned. All department Health and Safety representatives to attend.

3.2 STAFF TRAINING UPDATE

Training Requirements:

Groundstaff training requirements highlighted within Health and Safety meetings. Manual Handling training refresher course required for all groundstaff. Refresher course now detailed for July 2018.

Safety staff receive continuous safety and security training throughout the year, as well as World Host Customer Care update training sessions.

3.3 HEALTH AND SAFETY – Points to note from most recent Quarterly Health and Safety meeting:

- Horse Box Loading Ramp – Extra lighting provided in the vicinity of the ramp. The structural condition to be regularly checked to ensure safety levels are maintained. New fencing erected to control traffic in this area.
- Health and Safety Documentation – All documentation has been reviewed and new filing system installed to ensure a complete audit trail is available at all times by computer and paper.
- All contractors information letters to be reviewed by the end of January. To ensure all contractors visiting the racecourse adhere to safety protocol at all times. The letter will also detail the individual contractors possess the correct and required documentation and insurances that are to be available for inspection at any time.
- Mark Bemrose (Head Groundsman) and Brian Melrose (Stable Manager) both successfully completed First Aid at Work Course. Qualification is valid for 3 years.

3.4 CAPITAL EXPENSE UPDATE

Desirable Future Capital Expenditure:

- **Freddie's Bar** – improve the layout to improve the customer experience and to improve access/egress (2017/18). **Under consideration to be included in the 2018-19 capex programme.**
- **Improve the track layout** – increase the radii of the bottom bend. Cost c£500k to £1m. Long-term project.
- Continuous maintenance on recognised safety issues throughout the site has taken place. The Main Stand Grandstand steppings have been inspected and repaired where necessary as well as the tarmac area and manhole covers in front of the Betting Shop. Regular checks take place to ensure any issues that arise are dealt with quickly.

3.5 LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

No changes to report to affect this period. All new legislation has been issued on the 1st April 2018. No relevant changes to affect the current situation.

3.6 ONGOING INDIVIDUAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

Claims – There are currently no cases ongoing against the racecourse:

Non Raceday Events – There has recently been communication with the golf course through enjoyleisure (EL) regarding events on the racecourse out with racedays. The racecourse position is that we risk assess all events. Should the risk assessment establish that the golf course will need to close or partially close for the event to take place safely then we make the request to EL. In doing so we would share the risk assessments with EL. We would only proceed with their approval to close the golf course.

In the past EL interpreted that the racetrack is shared property and as such EL believed it had a veto on the use of the racetrack on health and safety grounds regardless of whether any risks existed and regardless of our own assessment of any risk and the mitigating measure we put in place.

The racecourse track record on health and safety is excellent and we will continue to stage events out with racedays on this basis.

5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 The subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality, the environment or economy.

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 None

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