

BLC Meeting Hamilton Racecourse 27 March 2024

Ashley Moon, Karly McKay (Hamilton Racecourse), Darren Irving (RBC)

John Fox, Billy King, Neville Porter (Bookmakers)

AM Opened the meeting informing all that 2023 had been a 'Good year' for Hamilton with an attendance increase of 2500 over the full season.

Bookmakers raised concerns over numbers of runners - down 131 from 2022 level.

This was put down to Hamilton's Northern location and costs to owners transporting horses from down south. To encourage trainers to enter more races Hamilton will have a minimum £7000 minimum prize fund for all races -this is £2000 above the minimum level.

Management confirmed they have no intentions of making Hamilton cashless this season.

There will be 19 Meetings (same as 2023) with 125 Races taking place in 2024 (128 in 2023)

Public Entrance Fees

Will be increased from £20 to £22 on normal days.

Premier Meetings increased from £28 to £32 and Ladies Day will be £40

Daily Betting Badge

On Line payment is the Preferred method for DBB payments, and can be made on the Raceday right up until one hour before racing.

Alternatively, Cash payments will remain acceptable at the car park Badge hut.

The DBB multiple will be based on anticipated attendances as follows: -

Attendances Less **than 3000** - 5X admission

Attendances **3000 & over** - 6X admission

Ladies Day & Silver Bell meetings - 7X admission

Bookmaker's Parking and entry to course will be the same as 2023

Hamilton intends to improve car park surface to assist in moving/carrying equipment in.

Over all the meeting was positive, and the management are keen to work with bookmakers realising we are an integral part of the overall experience and enjoyment a race goer gets from a day at the races.