

## BLC MEEETING MUSSELBURGH 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024

In attendance Bill Farnsworth Musselburgh, Phillip Duncan Musselburgh, Darren Irving RBC  
John Fox, Nevelle Porter, Christian White

The meeting opened and we expressed our concern at the loss of public bar (Dizzy's) in the main Grandstand and how it had impacted the turnover on Rails and lower numbers in Tatts. The management accepted our concerns and explained that Annual Members had pressured for exclusive facilities and this was the only option available to them.

The management are aware the stand needs upgrading and propose to spend £1.2 million creating more public facilities, they intend to redesign the facilities at back of stand with food outlets and modernise the tunnel entrance to betting ring it is hoped to carry out this work end of 2025 with completion early 2026.

Attendance in future will be capped at 7500 this is expected to apply only on Ladies Day

The number of pitches in new areas allowed on principal days was discussed the racecourse will review numbers in relation to attendance.

The Racecourse has increased tickets prices to £28 from £25 on quieter days £30 /£35 on principal days and £60 on Ladies Day These increases would substantially increase cost of DBB. We expressed our concern at cost to Bookmakers and were able to negotiate daily fees that reflect attendance Principal Days £250 all other days £190 8 of the £190 days will receive further discounts 5 x £20 1x £30 2 x £40 AMF will not be charged if normal multiplies were applied the DBB fee would cost an extra £850

Over all the management were supportive of Bookmakers and we have arranged to meet again end August when they set budgets for 2025 so we can have input to future charges