

# Cross-Party Group on Scottish Horseracing & Bloodstock Industries

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – 6pm

Minutes

Present

MSPs

Miles Briggs MSP

Neil Bibby MSP

Rachael Hamilton MSP

Stephen Kerr MSP

Invited guests

Robin Mounsey, British Horseracing Authority

Non-MSP Group Members

Delly Innes, Scottish Racing

John Burns, World Horse Welfare

## Election of Office Bearers

It was decided that the following will continue as office bearers for 2024:

**Convener:** Miles Briggs MSP

**Dep. Convener:** Neil Bibby MSP

**Secretariat:** Scottish Racing

## HorsePWR Campaign – Robin Mounsey from the British Horseracing Authority

The British Horseracing Authority and Great British Racing have launched a new hub dedicated to the Thoroughbred racehorse, the ultimate equine athlete. [www.horsepwr.co.uk](http://www.horsepwr.co.uk)

HorsePWR has been designed to promote the key facts around welfare in horse racing, and to

help challenge and correct inaccurate information. Welfare concerns are the biggest barrier to engagement with the sport, both among existing and potential racing fans.

This site is designed to open the doors to the sport and talk about the Thoroughbred – their purpose, the lives they lead, and the high welfare and safety standards that underpin British racing.

Delly Innes mentioned the NetFlix documentary “Champions”, which is due to be aired shortly which will help to bring to the fore the high standards of equine welfare within the sport.

Miles Briggs requested that the Group be kept informed as to the progress of the campaign.

## Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 6pm