

## **TURFCALL CRISIS APPENDIX C**

### **Succinct Skeleton Part ii**

**MARK JOHNSTON WARNING in the Racing Post Saturday May 5th 2001. Quote:**

**“Motives of racetracks threaten the future prosperity of our sport** The Racecourses are trying to dismantle the agreed structure and replace it with something whereby they control racing’s destiny. These are dangerous times. We are having to watch while the opportunists squabble to see who can cream the most off racing’s cake when the Levy Board is disbanded. It makes me so angry to hear the likes of John Sanderson accusing others of hypocrisy while he stalks the corridors of power in search of profits for himself. Why, if he wants the best for racing, rather than just the best for J.Sanderson or the R.C.A, does he attack Peter Savill and the B.H.B. ? Why is he so reluctant to declare his self- interest ? At least Arena Leasure makes little secret of it’s desire to make money at everyone else’s expense. To suggest as Sanderson did, that Savill has done ‘more than any person to disunite the racing industry’ is staggeringly unbelievable.

Racing ... as in those who breed, rear ,own ,train, ride and care for horses so that they can run against each other in races ... has never been united as it is now. The B.H.B. was devised. to represent us and Savill was elected to be it’s chairman. Yet the racecourses, under the banner of the R.C.A., are trying to dismantle that agreed structure and replace it with something whereby they control racing’s destiny. How can we trust them ? The manager of a small racecourse recently asked me whether I thought he should support the Go Racing or the G.G.-Media bid. ‘Neither,’ I replied. I told him instead to support the B.H.B .in it’s bid to secure proper funding for the whole of our industry. He sniggered and looked at me as if my proposal was not an option. Surely, it is still an option. I for one will applaud, praise, and support with as many good- class runners as possible, the first racecourse to come forward and stand alongside the B.H.B. and the rest of the racing industry. I urge all owners, trainers, jockeys, and stable staff to make the same promise.” Mark Johnston’s quote ends.

**Paul Haigh Quote “Once people start attacking the B.H.B.’s right to control of the fixture list you will know exactly where they are coming from and what they want to achieve.**

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they are coming from and what they want to achieve. It's coming, so look out for it. British racing is still broke by world standards and will continue to be unless we find a proper system to replace the levy. On Thursday, I tried to explain how the bookmakers, the great luxury we, almost alone in all the world, think we can afford, might be able to preserve the ability to feed of the sport by winning effective control of both Go Racing (by buying into Arena Leasure) and GG-Media (through the unconcealed link with S.I.S). I also tried to explain how the B.H.B. is on the brink of losing control of British racing to those organisations whose main motivation must be their own profit. The fact that these two groups are at war and that Go Racing is already claiming victory is not particularly relevant to this central truth. Nor is it fact that GG's maths may be seriously awry as they have made all their calculations on the assumption that central funding, as now supplied through the levy at an average of £44,000 per meeting, will continue. But if they persist in undermining the BHB's bargaining position, such as it is, there may be little or nothing to give them.

The BHB's defence (and what leverage it has in its discussions with these two groups) rests on only two planks. One is the copyright on pre-race data (cards). But this may prove impossible to enforce ... because how do you stop downloading from the internet, apart from anything else?

The other is its control of the fixture list, which could yet preserve the influence of racing's elected governing body. Obviously the great meetings generate bigger viewing figures and more turnover than the smaller ones. Under the new media rights ... based method of funding which will replace the levy, individual fixtures are going to become more and more valuable.

The BHB retains the right to allocate the fixtures it will be able to dictate, or have very strong influence over, how much each racecourse makes, and therefore have some strength in its dealings with the Racecourse Association. A system could be evolved whereby courses get paid according to how much their meeting generates, or even one in which the bookmakers pay according to the turnover-generating potential of the fixture." Paul Haigh quote ends.

**The replacement of the Levy can only belong to the BHB to which the copyright of this living product the very heart of horseracing and all those who are directly responsible for piecing to-gether this living product daily belong, full stop.**

**No other party can be allowed to legally steal, alter or interfere with this obvious fact.**

This is and has to be the very nerve centre of A WHOLE NEW STRUCTURE CRISIS REFORM FOR HORSERACING IN THIS COUNTRY. Only then will the true potential of this fantastic sport become apparent. All those waring parties will then be able to clearly see how wrong they have been in attempting to strangle the very life blood out of this living product.

**GIVE US A BREAK YOU WARING PARTIES ... THE POTENTIAL FOR THIS LIVING PRODUCT IS IMMENSE FOR ALL TO SHARE ... DO NOT CANTAMINATE IT ANY LONGER ... LET IT BE ... WITH THE BHB ... AND WAIT AND SEE ... YOU WILL GET A MIGHTY AND PLEASANT SURPRISE ... BUT GO ON AS YOU ARE AND YOU WILL DESTROY THE LOT AS YOU HAVE BEEN DOING OVER THE LAST 4 DECADES, AN INDUSTRY IN CRISIS BROUGHT TO ITS KNEES BY YOUR GREED.**

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