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Correspondence Items

The below correspondence items have been put forward for consideration at the 2024 Annual General Meeting of Harness Racing New Zealand Incorporated on 19 October 2024 at Christchurch.

Registration of Clerk of the Course ***by the Board***

In order to ensure that there is consistency and performance of the clerks of the course and to identify any skills gaps it is proposed that clerks of the course and their horses are registered by the RIB. The following rule is proposed and feedback is welcomed from the clubs.

Remit to come into force on a date notified by the Board

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- (1) *A clerk of the course and any horse used by a clerk of the course must be registered.*
 - (2) *Every application for registration shall be in the prescribed form and forwarded to the chief executive.*
 - (3) *The chief executive request further information reasonably necessary to consider an application for registration.*
 - (4) *The chief executive may grant registration subject to any conditions or refuse to grant registration.*
 - (5) *A club may not engage a person or horse as a clerk of the course unless registered under this rule or otherwise approved by a Stipendiary Steward.*
 - (6) *The club remains responsible for ensuring that the course clerk and their horse have the ability and skills to exercise the functions of the clerk of the course.*

Protection of Clubs and Venues ***by the Ashburton Trotting Club***

A club may only have its licence/s revoked or be forced to race at a different venue if one or more of the following are met.

- (1) The club is financially unviable.
- (2) The club/venue facilities do not meet health and safety requirements for either competing horses, participants or the public.
- (3) The club is unable to attract sufficient nominations to hold meeting/s on a regular basis, i.e. a one-off occurrence is not sufficient for this for this condition to be enacted.

Should there be a Requirement for a Proportion of Clubs to Fail a Remit?
by the Central Otago Trotting Club

The Central Otago TC supports the voting remit that requires, in addition to a special resolution requiring 2/3 of votes, it must also receive the support of 1/3 of the members (clubs and kindred bodies).

That remit covers only some of our concerns and addresses only half of the concerns.

Should there also be a requirement for a proportion of members for a remit to fail?

A special resolution could fail if four members voted against it.

The matter being voted on could be supported by 89 per cent of the members but stopped by 11 per cent of the members. Is that fair?

What is sought by this correspondence item is to discuss this issue and for the delegates to consider whether there should be a requirement for a minimum number of members before a remit can be lost.

If so, it is sought that this be referred to HRNZ for consideration after the conference and just maybe a recommendation could come back to the 2025 conference