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The PJA announces appointment of three non-executive members to their Board

The Professional Jockeys Association (The PJA), the body that represents Jockeys within horseracing has announced three new non-executive members to their Board.

Mr Rod Street, former Group Managing Director of racecourse group Northern Racing, will become non-executive Chairman of the PJA Board. The organisation's Board currently consists of seven members, AP McCoy MBE (Jumps President), Steve Drowne (Flat President), Dale Gibson, Andrew Thornton, Graham Lee, Martin Dwyer and Chief Executive Josh Apiafi.

Two non-executive Director role's will be filled by Mr Bob Sharp and Mr Robin Leach, who have both assisted Jockeys medically and with defence cases respectively over many years, as well as following a life long involved interest in horseracing.

During a 14 year career in horseracing, Rod Street initially joined Uttoxeter Racecourse in 1994 helping to grow Northern Racing from one to nine racecourses and became Group Managing Director in 2002. Following a successful flotation of the company in 2003 and its subsequent private sale in 2007, he announced his decision to leave the company in December but has remained a non-executive until this month.

Rod Street commented "I feel privileged to have been asked to act as Chairman of The PJA and I look forward to working with their excellent team. My role is to offer support and advice to The PJA and help them achieve their goals and objectives. I hope that my business and horseracing industry experience will add some value".

One of two further appointments onto the Board as a non-executive Director is Bob Sharp, a consultant and orthopaedic surgeon at Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Oxford Clinic Specialist Surgery and Manor Hospital Oxford and he was awarded the Gold Medal in Orthopaedics in 2000. He has been a Medical Adviser within horseracing for 10 years working with The PJA.

Robin Leach, the second non-executive Director, is a senior barrister specialising in criminal work for over 12 years and also represents Jockeys with their defence hearings. He has been actively involved with Jockey

representation and appeals in numerous high profile cases including The Haydock 21, The Hillside Girl enquiry and various corruption enquiries.

Post the PJA's first Board meeting with its new members on Thursday 26 June 2008, Flat President and flat Jockey Steve Drowne commented "With the varying professional expertise that Rod Street, Bob Sharpe and Robin Leach can bring to our Board table, we now feel as an organisation we are positioned to work effectively with the various horseracing bodies, as well as strengthening our voice and strategy on a commercial, medical and regulatory angle within the sport".

PJA Chief Executive Josh Apiafi added "Following the re-brand to The PJA this February, we are now aiming to develop our commercial and sponsorship strategies. I am delighted to welcome Rod as Chairman of The PJA, who I have worked with previously in our former roles. His standing within the horseracing industry and commercial expertise is second to none and he will be a valuable asset to both The PJA and its members in achieving our goals for 2008 and the future.

Bob Sharp and Robin Leach bring a depth of knowledge to The PJA board, which is vital to ensure our members receive an informed and beneficial service on a medical and regulatory front".

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