

**BEFORE THE LICENSING COMMITTEE OF THE BRITISH HORSERACING AUTHORITY**

**RE: KEITH POLLOCK**

**APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO TRAIN**

**Hearing Date: 28 MARCH 2014**

**Committee Members:**

**RICHARD RUSSELL ESQ. (Chairman)**

**EDWARD DORRELL ESQ.**

**RUPERT SWEETING ESQ.**

**REASONS**

1. On 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014 the Committee met Keith Pollock. He had lodged a first time application to be considered for a Permit to Train from a yard in Carluke, Lanarkshire. These are the reasons for the Committee's decision.

**History and background**

2. Mr Pollock is in his late 50s and was at one time an Apprentice and latterly an Assistant Trainer to his father with responsibility for the training of the horses. During that time he also rode as an amateur. In recent years, he pursued other employment and has been away from day to day management of racehorses. During most of this period he has had involvement in other equine animals.
3. In October 2013 the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) received from Mr Pollock an application for a Permit to Train ("the Licence Application"). He identified four horses which he was currently training, providing a short descriptive summary of each, and stated "All owned by himself or his wife."
4. One of the horses POLLY'S ROSE, which he had pre-trained was subsequently sent to Mr Ian Semple's yard to be trained for her first run in a bumper, that race eventually being a NH flat race at Newcastle on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in which she weakened 4 furlongs out and finished tailed of. On veterinary advise she has since had a wind operation.
5. Of the other three horses listed, two were found to be unsuitable, one has already been sold and the other is currently for sale, the remaining horse being DESTINY AWAITS, a gelding who has had runs on the flat and will be aimed at a race over hurdles. The gelding is to be raced in the ownership of Mrs Aaitje Mary Pollock, Mr Pollock's wife.
6. At the interview Mr Pollock explained that during several visits to Mr Semple's yard he had observed training methods, ridden out on his own horse, and been in the office during times when both entries and declarations were being made. He had also accompanied Mr Semple's horses to the races, had been present at declarations, and had assisted in saddling runners.

7. Mr Pollock had a Full Stable Inspection on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 and has stabling for 3 horses in total. It was considered by the inspectors that requirements were met but unless considerable investment was made into the existing gallop, the premises should not be licensed to train more than three horses.
8. Mr Pollock has obtained the Level 3 Diploma in Work Based Racehorse Care and Management, completed Module 1 of the Trainers Modules, has written Security of Tenure for his Training Premises and holds Public Liability Insurance.
9. He is yet to attend the day at Weatherbys, but this is to be booked shortly, and once he has done this, he will advise the Licensing Department.

**Reasons**

10. The Licensing Committee agreed that Mr Keith Pollock satisfied the requirements set out in the Guidance Notes for Applications for a Permit to Train, and therefore informed him that a Permit would be granted in his name, and that this would be put in place as soon as possible.

Dated: 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Signed for the Committee:

Richard G Russell