Executive Summary

Training Committee Meeting

27 October 2026

1. The committee discussed the progress of an inclusive coach development programme, developing links with riding centres and groups, and providing BD coaches with the knowledge and resources to support riders from underrepresented backgrounds.

2. Following an initial trial period, the Marshalling training module is ready for launch and promotion. The committee supported a review of wider training programmes and materials for Steward education and continuing professional development.

3. An update was provided on BD Presents 2026, due to be delivered by a lineup of presenters including Gareth Hughes, Mike Eilberg, Isobel Wessels and Brad Hill, all hosted by Saffron Cresswell. The committee discussed the format of the 2026 event and agreed to review proposals for the event format for 2027.

4. The updated Equestrian Coaching Certificate specifications launched on 1 June 2026, and British Dressage courses are underway at both Level 2 and Level 3. Successful candidates will receive an equestrian coaching qualification in addition to a discipline-specific British Dressage technical competency certificate. Plans are in progress for 2027 qualifications.

5. Wider coaching pathways are under review, including entry routes and progression onto the Level 4 Coaching qualification.

6. The committee were updated that the collaborative CPD project is continuing to make progress.

7. Proposal from Youth Committee to regulate coaching at regional team competitions was considered. The committee agreed with a standardised approach across all Senior and Youth team competitions.

8. Discussion took place around the use of Progression Tests and feedback throughout an initial trial period, ahead of wider roll-out for all BD Coaches to access.

9. Young Horse training and competition structure was discussed. The committee proposed opportunity for a full review of Young Horse and Pony development to ensure alignment with organisational objectives.

10. Support was received for the proposal to run a Para Symposium in 2028.

Date of next meeting – TBC

BD Training Director, Harry Payne

Date: 27 October 2026