

IDHS name changed to Black Drum

NEWSCOMMENT

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The Irish Draught Horse Society's name has been changed to Black Drum Ltd. On 9 May, Anne Loughnane, as a court-appointed director, requested the Companies Registration Office to change the name and, effective from 20 May, the Irish Draught Horse Society Ltd is now called Black Drum Ltd.

The discovery was made by Cecelia Delaney, one of the signees of the request for an emergency general meeting and a member of the National

Council. She has lodged a strong letter of objection in the Companies Office.

As we went to press, the governing body of the Irish Draught Horse Society Ltd had not formally responded to the request for an EGM but it is expected to be announced this week. The request was signed by over 160 ID members from both sides of the original split on 2 May. The decision to call for an EGM, under section 132 of the Companies Act, was made at a recent meeting of ID members in Portlaoise.

Following an order from the High Court, the new governing body consisting of Chairman Anne Loughnane, who also assumes the role of Secretary, Jim Cooke and John Varley of the National Council (Concerned Member group) has taken over IDHS Ltd.

Their appointments were made as a result of the settlement reached with the previous governing body of IDHS Ltd, which had stepped down to avoid a costly High Court action taken by the National Council.

It is believed that Anne Loughnane is following the decisions agreed at the EGM of the then concerned members group in Co Clare where they formed the National Council that has now become the governing body of the IDHS. However, Cecelia claims that the name change, etc, was only to be discussed later and no firm decision was taken at that meeting.

The Irish Horse has tried to make contact with Chairman Ann Loughnane but she has not responded to a list of questions.