

> **National Council takes over IDHS**

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> The High Court action involving opposing  
> factions of the Irish Draught Horse was settled  
> yesterday, an hour prior to the commencement of the  
> hearing of the case before Ms Justice Mary Laffey.  
> The settlement concedes all issues raised by  
> the National Council through the directors Anne  
> Loughnane, John Varley and Jim Cook and hands over  
> control of the IDHS Ltd to the plaintiffs who were  
> appointed as interim directors at an EGM on 31st March  
> 2007 but whose appointment were not conceded by the  
> governing body of the Society.

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> Top officials  
> Under the terms of the settlement, five top  
> officials of the IDHS- Vincent Faughnam, Tony Hession,  
> George Draper, Eiline Brennan and Sharyn  
> Alexander-undertake to refrain from purporting to act  
> as directors of the IDHS. The defendants acknowledged  
> the validity of the resolution passed at the duly  
> convened meeting of the membership of the IDHS on  
> March 31st 2007. The defendants also undertook to  
> transfer within 14 days all property, goods, documents  
> and material the lawful property of the IDHS to the  
> plaintiff's solicitors.  
> The defendants also consented to the court  
> making an order asking the Companies Registrar to  
> provide for the registration of Anne Loughnane, John  
> Varley and Jim Cook as directors of the IDHS Ltd. The  
> defendants also undertook to write to the Society's  
> bankers advising them that they are no longer  
> directors and to the Irish Horse Board advising it  
> that all outstanding matters have been resolved. The  
> court made no order as to costs.  
> In a statement, the three plaintiffs in the  
> action, Anne Loughnane, John Varley and Jim Cook said  
> that the settlement acknowledge that they were the  
> legal directors of the Ltd. They said that they were  
> angry that they were forced to issue legal proceedings  
> to carry out the wishes of the membership as voted on  
> at the EGM on March 31st 2007. They said that they  
> would now proceed to introduce the co-operative  
> structure agreed by the members at that meeting. They  
> expressed the view that the society should take over

- > the control of the Irish Draught studbook and
- > responsibility for breed development and genetic gain.

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