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Department of
Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

Report on Coursing Meeting held at: Borrisoleigh District Coursing Club

N.B. Please fill in each box and use separate sheet for each day's coursing.

No. of hares at start of coursing	No. of courses run	No. of hares killed	No. of hares hit by dogs (muzzled)	No. of hares injured by dogs	No. of hares which had to be put down as a result of injuries.	No. of hares which died from injuries	No. of hares released	Time and date of release	Where released and numbers	Releases supervised by:
Day 1 26/12/16 70 Hares	56 Courses 3 Reserve Trial 5 Uncoursed	0	1 Tipped 1 Pinned	0	0	1	0	29/12/16	Details Confidential	Aine Lynch
Day 2 27/12/16 68 Hares	50 Courses 2 Reserve Trial 8 Uncoursed 1 Back to slips	1	4 Tipped 3 Pinned	0	0	4	0	29/12/16	Details Confidential	Aine Lynch

General Comments:

- (1) Were hares coursed more than once on any day? [] Yes [] No [X]
- (2) Did hares appear to be healthy? [x] Yes [] No .
- (3) Were escapes adequate? [x] Yes [] No
- (4) Were all dogs muzzled? [x] Yes [] No .
- (5) (A) What method was used to mark the hare?
Tag Method X, ear tags. One hare had to have an ear tag replaced on day one of coursing as it's original ear tag had fallen out.
Ink Tattoo Method
Spray Dye Method
(please tick appropriate box)
- (B) Were hares earmarked prior to release? [] Yes [x] No -tags left in
- (6) Was Coursing Park in good condition? [x] Yes [] No
- (7) Was there a veterinary involvement in the running of the event? [x] Yes [] Martin Bohan
- (8) Was there a post mortem examination of hares found dead in the paddock? [] Yes [x] No. the club caught 73 hares for coursing. 1 hare died before coursing. I did not ask that a post mortem be carried out. The remaining 6 hares died as a result of being directly killed during coursing (1) or in the following days as a result of injuries/shock sustained by coming in contact with the dogs during coursing.
- (9) Were the hares released in the same location that they were captured? [] Yes [x] No, but approximately.

Notes:

A pre-coursing inspection was held on Friday 23/12/2016. The hares seemed to be in good health despite the bad weather. There was very heavy rain that day.

2 of the 73 hares caught by the club escaped on the morning of Day 1 while being boxed. I did not see these hares escape.

1 hare had died in the paddock. This was given to me.

There were 70 hares available for coursing.

During Day 1 a hare escaped from the coursing park and was allowed return to the wild.

On Day 2 the club had 68 hares available for coursing (1 died overnight and 1 escaped).

One hare died during coursing. The club requested to keep the hares until 29/12/2016 for release, which NPWS facilitated.

63 hares were released back into the wild (1 escaped while being boxed for release and 62 released by NPWS/Club). I observed 57 of these releases. Matt Stapleton (club member) observed the release of 6 hares. The ICC steward was unable to attend the release of the hares.

On a whole the club were courteous and facilitated all requests made by NPWS staff in attendance.

Signed: *_Áine Lynch*

Date: *05/01/2017*