

GRG – MEETING SUMMARY
Wednesday 13 January 2021
Teleconference

The meeting opened at 1.33pm.

Tasracing confirmed that the meeting was called for the sole purpose of seeking a recommendation on the allocation of the Additional Stakes Funding scheduled for payment from 1 February 2021.

Tasracing advised that the additional funding amount was \$282,723

Tasracing sought an initial reaction to the proposal of allocating the funding to all races at the rate of \$180.

NWGRC – Supported.

LGRC – Not supported – Suggested funding be directed to Feature Events

HGRC – Wish to look at other options.

GOTBAT – Agree in principle but suggest funding of an unplaced Travelling Allowance for Trainers.

Tasracing then sought the reaction to the proposal of all stakes (including 4th placing) being allocated on a set percentage of the total stakes.

NWGRC – Supported the proposal.

LGRC – One delegate was opposed while the other supported the proposal.

HGRC – Supported the proposal.

GOTBAT – Supported the proposal but proposed that the increase only be allocated at a rate of 65%, 20%, 10% and 5%.

Tasracing summarised that the majority of the members supported fourth placing be determined as a percentage of the total stakes.

Tasracing advised the intent was that the funding would be directed to stakes, however if the recommendation was that some of the funding be directed to other options, then that was an option for the group to recommend.

Tasracing then sought details of the other options to be considered:

LGRC proposed stakes increase to Feature Events.

GOTBAT proposed stakes increase to the heats of the Group Race heats by \$2000 and the introduction of an Unplaced Trainer subsidy.

GOTBAT also proposed an increase in Feature Events, but on a differing proposal from the LGRC proposal.

GOTBAT spoke to the proposal of an Unplaced Trainer Subsidy with options being to pay travelling trainers or to pay all trainers.

Tasracing sought an indication on whether an Unplaced Trainer Subsidy should be considered.

NWGRC – supported the subsidy.

LGRC – one member was opposed while the other supported the subsidy in principle, but not at this time.

HGRC – supported the subsidy.

GOTBAT – one member supported the subsidy while the other was opposed suggesting the subsidy be considered at the next increase.

Tasracing then sought comment on Feature events.

HGRC advised that their committee had not discussed an increase in Feature Events.

GOTBAT spoke to the suggestion and proposed that:

Races with a winner stake of more than \$3,000 have an additional \$3,000 added.

Races with a winner stake of \$3,000 or less have an additional \$1,000 added.

It was agreed that a further discussion paper be provided for review by the members which included:

Feature Events increase of:

- Races with a winner stake of more than \$3,000 have an addition \$3,000 added.
- Races with a winner stake of \$3,000 or less have an additional \$1,000 added.

Unplaced Trainer Travel Subsidy:

- For travel outside the area of residence of the trainer to a maximum of \$25,000 recognising each region of the state (North, North West and South).

Stake Increase of:

- The balance of the funding available be directed to a stake increase to all races after the above proposals have been funded.

Tasracing advised that responses to the discussion paper would be requested by email.

The meeting closed at 2.25pm.