

GRG – MEETING SUMMARY
Wednesday, 13th November 2019
Studio One, The Grange Campbell Town

It was noted that the Devonport meeting on 6 December at which the Devonport Chase was scheduled, had been moved to 3 December 2019.

It was noted that the waitlist on the GAP website had been taken down for maintenance with a notice advising participants they can contact the GAP office for an update.

Tasracing advised that the track information had been forwarded to Dr David Eager who was processing the information on his system before making arrangements to attend the state for site inspections.

ORI advised that discussions were continuing with vets in the greater Launceston area in regard to ear branding of greyhound pups.

ORI advised that investigations on the timeframe currently in place for revoking 'inactive' trainers' licenses are ongoing.

ORI advised they are not likely to make alterations to the current timeframe under which interstate greyhounds must be nominated 24 hours prior to closing time.

Tasracing advised they are still investigating options for training for participants, even to the stage of in-house training as opposed to accredited training. ORI advised that provisional licenses are being issued to participants waiting to complete the education component of their license and undertook to review having the license application forms available on-line.

Tasracing advised that the sale completion date for the new GAP facility was 17 January 2020 with an anticipated operational date by the end of January 2020.

The meeting dates for 2020 were discussed and recommended.

There was a discussion on the concept of a greyhound carnival, the perceived lack of equality in advertising over the three codes on social media. Tasracing advised that an outline of the marketing strategy for the greyhounds over the 8 week summer period would be distributed to members

Tasracing gave the meeting an update on the current standing of the Devonport Showground sale/development, highlighting that Tasracing continue to hold a strong position of holding a valid lease on the property.

Following a discussion on the development of a bullring at Mowbray, it was recommended that the installation of a brake on the lure was a higher priority.

Tasracing advised that the new aluminium wide arm lure had been trialled on Friday 8 November 2019 with success and was to be used at the trials on next Friday 15 November.

Tasracing tabled a report on Short Sprint racing and by majority it was recommended that the status quo remain.

There was a discussion on the penalty of a life ban for using an animal skin to train a greyhound and by majority it was recommended no change be made to the rule.

There was a discussion on syndication and ways of involving young people on race days.

A report on the wagering turnover was discussed and it was noted that the decline was a national trend with no clear indication why it was occurring.

ORI provided a report on current breeding statistics.

The minutes of the Programming Sub Committee meetings were tabled and noted.

An update on the latest GA and GCA meetings were provided to the meeting.

It was noted that Sky Channel are currently developing an app for Greyhound racing nationally.

ORI undertook to place a notice in the Formguide reminding participants regarding the notification of retired greyhounds.

Tasracing advised that the drafting of submission papers regarding the Point of Consumption Tax was currently being undertaken.

ORI undertook to review the scratching time for twilight meetings with a view of amending it the 4pm on the prior day.

The meeting was advised of Brennan Ryan's resignation with the LGRC.