

GRG MEETING SUMMARY
Wednesday 30 November 2022

Tasracing informed the group of the success of the participant forum with Dr Chris Boemo and Robert Britton.

Catchers Licence – ORI to look at insurance policies relating to minimum age restrictions.

Dog Ambulance – a dog Ambulance had now been sourced and Tasracing are expecting delivery in early December. This is a fully enclosed van and will need modifications to include two bucket seats and seatbelts at the rear of the vehicle.

ORI informed the group that the race day swabbing steward has now been implemented with no further help needed by the OTV.

The Animal Welfare report was tabled which had been circulated to members.

LGRC asked why the GAP sign had been removed from Symons Plains as it was eye catching. Tasracing informed the group the sign promotion was part of last year's budget.

The members of the GAP working group met with Andrew Jenkins at the last working group and told him their ongoing concerns of the GAP program.

The members again expressed the want of GRG to be able to work together to ensure a strong sustainable industry for Tasmania.

LGRC asked about the possibility of a training day where ORI and participants attend to gain an understanding of what is taught in each situation.

Four stewards have recently undertaken Animal Welfare training and are now able to undertake certain activities relating to racing under the Welfare act.

LGRC asked about OzChase and its box draws. ORI stated that the last discussion was members take the OzChase box draw issue to GCA and GA to see if this issue happens elsewhere. Tasracing agreed with this and said that this comes up regularly and all investigations come back saying there is no issue with the algorithm.

It was a recommendation at the February PSC meeting that seeding of Group races in Tasmania be removed. ORI are happy to progress with this recommendation. It will be removed on completion of the Launceston Cup series.

The updated Terms of Reference for the Greyhound Reference Group charter were tabled. Tasracing to put forward to the next Racing Rules & Policy Subcommittee.

The wagering turnover reports for the three codes were tabled for the period ending 31 October 2022.

Discussion occurred around programming and running 10 races. Tasracing stated that nomination numbers simply have not allowed for 10 races on some meetings. The group unanimously agreed that Tasracing use their discretionary power to ensure 10 races are run, even if this means running smaller fields. Where possible the group would like to see 11 races run on a Monday or Thursday night even if it is covered on Sky 2.

ORI provided the breeding statistics to the group:

Total pups whelped 2022 – 236 against 257 for 2021
Total litters whelped 2022 – 35 against 35 in 2021

A copy of the Minutes of the Programming Sub Committee meeting held on 29 August 2022 were tabled and noted.

Tasracing updated the group on the North-West track project.

Over the past two months the NW working group have achieved a lot towards having the site ready for building to start. Five additional information requests have been sought from the Latrobe council which were detailed.

The Assets, Project and Operations Update report was tabled for noting.

Tasracing explained the Elwick SafeChase lure is being put on hold for 12 months due to issues in other jurisdictions.

HGRC informed of track maintenance at Elwick that needed to be done. This will be completed in the last week of January.

HGRC asked what the process is to seek approval to have a trial period with the Victorian style lures that Tasracing have. Tasracing to follow up.

The Marketing report was tabled.

The *Its Why We Race* campaign will continue, talking about participants and why they are involved. That will continue with statistics focusing on why racing matters. There will be a welfare component to the campaign this year. It will focus on the fact that racing is not all about gambling and prize money. There is greyhound specific why racing matters pieces that will be rolled out.

Tasracing to organise a working group including members from the 3 Clubs and Marketing.

Tasracing suggested if an event like the Jack Jumpers is on the same night as Hobart greyhounds, advertise that the game will be live on TVs at the complex. It will give something different outside of racing.

An update on the large LED sign at Elwick was provided.

The next GA meeting is in Hobart on 16 December. There are no papers out yet and no meetings have been held recently.

GCA are meeting in Hobart on 15 December. It is the first time GCA has met in Hobart since 2012.

HGRC explained to the group that due to the timing of prizemoney announcements, there are a few anomalies with the amount of money certain races are worth. This will be discussed and amended at the 2022/23 calendar meeting in the new year.

Tasracing informed the group that it has been discussed at PSC that Feature races should be grouped together. This will ensure consistency for prizemoney and any increases received.

NWGRC wanted to put age restricted grading on the table. Tasmania are the only state that has Grade 6 aged grading. Is there a possibility that the 2yo restriction can be removed as sometimes you can push the dogs quicker than needed to get Juvenile wins.

Tasracing informed the group on ORI's request about the minimum vaccination requirements in the GAR. Tasmania will be looking to a May 1, 2023, to introduce the C5 injection requirement.