

GRG – MEETING SUMMARY
Wednesday 16 September, 2020
The Grange, Campbell Town

The meeting opened at 10.04am.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2020 were tabled confirmed as a true and correct record.

Tasracing advised that the 2017 Industry survey has been reviewed and a draft of the updated survey to be distributed was awaiting approval.

Tasracing advised they had met with ORI to discuss the Local Rule amendments and that work is still ongoing in respect to the welfare rules, but the rules in respect to licences had been submitted for approval.

Tasracing advised that invitations had been extended, the invitees had accepted the invitations and an announcement on the 2020 GOTY Selection Panel had been published.

Tasracing advised that the review on Short Sprint races was still ongoing pending the collation of further data.

Tasracing advised of discussions with Paul Belcher regarding race broadcasting and outlined arrangements that had been put in place.

ORI reported on the percentage of pups whelped which actually raced.

Following a discussion on the records utilised by the stewards for kennel inspections, the members were requested to contact ORI with examples of instances where paperwork has been provided, but the updated records are not being utilised by the Stewards. ORI advised that, on request, they will provide a listing of the greyhounds on a trainer's property.

The GAP statistics for the financial year to date were advised.

It was noted that with the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, the GAP facility is available for tours by participants and arrangements were currently underway for the facility to also be opened to Foster Carers.

Tasracing advised they had met with the On-Track Veterinarians and had discussed the development of the On-Track Euthanasia and Injury Rebate Scheme as one policy.

Following a discussion on code funding allocation, it was resolved:

1. *Increase be allocated over 2 years with the 2020/21 increase being \$525,000 - recommended*
2. *GAP Program Allocation*
GOTBAT sought advice for Tasracing to pay the allocation from the funding provided under the POC Tax. Tasracing advised that all codes are contributing towards welfare from their funding allocation.

Tasracing advised that the Code Funding Model had been placed on hold due to COVID-19 but the process will be recommenced prior to the end of the calendar year.

3. *Handlers and Catchers Insurance - recommended*
4. *Grade 6 Tasbred Bonus - recommended*
5. *Tasbred Starter Bonus - recommended*
6. *Vaccination Assistance - recommended*
7. *Injury Rebate Scheme – recommended at \$60,000*
8. *Desexing of Greyhounds for retirement – proposal rejected*
9. *DNA Costs for Breeding Females - recommended*

10. Stakes Increases

There was a discussion on the allocation of increased stakes to the placegetters, especially fourth place and it was recommended fourth placing remain unchanged at \$80.

Tasracing advised that on the allocation of the budget from 1 July 2020 to 15 September 2020 there was an underspend of \$34,367 and proposed the funds be directed towards additional races – the proposal was rejected.

Tasracing advised that the issues with the lease with DAPS was currently going through the arbitration process.

A wagering turnover summary report for the period ended 31 July 2020 was tabled.

ORI provided a verbal report on the number of litters and pups for the current financial year.

A copy of the Minutes of the Programming Sub Committee meeting held on 25 June 2020 was tabled.

A copy of Assets and Facilities Update report was tabled.

HGRC sought an update on the no race at Hobart and Tasracing advised that the equipment had been inspected and an electrician was being engaged to conduct further testing.

Tasracing advised that the Perspex had been ordered for the semaphore board at Hobart. LGRC advised that the Perspex at Launceston had degraded in the same manner.

The Greyhound Marketing Report for Quarter 1 of FY2021 was tabled.

HGRC expressed disappointment in the lack of support the marketing team provided for the Nationals night on 13 August 2020.

Tasracing advised that the marketing team were actively engaging with the clubs to assist with their major event days.

Tasracing advised that the national rules project had been placed on an indefinite hold due to the current Covid-19 restrictions in place in Victoria.

LGRC provided a verbal precis of the GCA meeting held on 8 September 2020.

The next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday 2 December 2020 at The Grange, Campbell Town.

HGRC sought advice on attracting mainland support for Group Races due to quarantine restrictions. ORI advised that there would be no changes to the procedures but trainers would need to meet quarantine restrictions if they travelled.

HGRC raised the checking of the length of toenails and dew claws prior to racing. ORI undertook to discuss the matter with the stewards.

Tasracing introduced discussion on the hosting the Nationals in conjunction with New Zealand. Clubs to consider and report to the next meeting whether or not there is any appetite to further investigate the possibility.

The meeting closed at 2.10pm.