

**HIF – MEETING SUMMARY**  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**  
**The Grange Campbell Town**  
**Meeting commenced at 11:07am**

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- ORI advised that a discussion paper in relation to the handicapping policy will be sent to the broader industry in the coming weeks.
- ORI advised the possibility of closing fields on the same day however it would not be possible for both fields to be drawn the same day.
- Tasracing advised strategies for attracting new vets to the racing industry.
- Tasracing advised that no changes were required to the current practices regarding the manning of the Horse Ambulance on race days.
- Tasracing advised that the equity in participation discussion is in the final stages with a recommendation to be taken to the Racing Rules & Policy Committee meeting to be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March.
- Discussions were held around increasing the Tasbred bonus on King Island or holding penalty free races. There was consensus from the group for the Tasbred bonus to remain the same with Tasracing to follow up with HRA for approval that King Island races be held penalty-free.
- ORI to review time requirement policy for qualifying trials.
- Discussion around the HRA Stallion Book Quota and the effect of having the live foal guarantee included in the allocation. Tasracing HRA representative to contact BOTRA and provide feedback.
- Discussion around what the policy/process is when a horse is euthanised on the track. Tasracing has approached a crematorium with the hope to engage a dignified outcome for those horses and is continuing work on this.
- Discussion around the 3YO concession and how best to implement it.
- ORI provided a copy of the amendments made to the 2023/24 Harness Racing Licence Requirements. Discussions around the possibility of a reminder text to be sent to industry participants to allow time to have medical clearances completed by the due date.
- Harness Wagering Performance paper was noted.
- Projects, Assets and Operations Update paper was noted with Tasracing to advise on the completion of the rubber matting at the Brighton Training facility.
- Marketing Update paper was noted with the acting head of marketing discussing the CUB contract, updates around the social media platforms used and the next iteration of the Its Why We Race campaign.
- Animal Welfare Update paper taken as noted.
- An update was provided by Tasracing on the success of the Tasmanian Harness Yearling Sales with feedback provided on ways to further improve the sales.
- Discussions had around the possibility of running a trot rod series with Tasracing in favour of exploring the possibilities.

**Meeting closed 2:00 pm**