

**HIF – MEETING SUMMARY**  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022**  
**The Grange Campbell Town**  
**Meeting commenced at 11:04am**

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- ORI advised it would commence the process to making changes to the current format around ineligible runners.
- Discussion held around nominations for dual meeting weekends closing on the same day.
- Tasracing advised that a recommendation on how to assist families with children on race days will be provided at the December HIF meeting.
- Tasracing advised that no changes were required to the current practices regarding the manning of the Horse Ambulance on race days.
- Tasracing advised that it is currently working on ways to attract additional vets to Tasmania.
- Tasracing advised that a Clerks policy will be created to reflect the continuation of races if the number of attending clerks was reduced from 2-1, with Stewards to decide continuation of races with no clerks.
- Tasracing advised that following legal advice around equity in participation that it would investigate potential changes.
- Discussion held around how sulkies could be inspected so that they meet safety standards.
- Tasracing advised that changes to the Breeders Support Policy had been approved in concept with some minor wording being finalised prior to publishing to the industry.
- Discussion held around utilising excess funds from the divided race pool, with the group agreeing a portion of those funds be utilised to align the 4YO & Older breeding bonus payments.
- Tasracing advised that the proposal to run Carrick Saturday morning trials as pre-race trials at Launceston would only work if there were only enough nominations for 1-2 trials.
- The Eureka Tasbred Series Proposal was discussed with the group agreeing that this would be a good opportunity for the Tasmanian Harness Industry. Details around how the slot runner would be selected would need further discussion on acceptance of Tasracing's submission.
- An overview of current proposals through the Rating Review Team were tabled. Discussion was held regarding BOTRA's rating proposal. Tasracing advising that it would continue to work with the industry on the best way to manage the rating system within Tasmania.
- An update was provided on the Harness Wagering Performance.
- An update was provided on Project, Assets & Operations.
- An update was provided regarding the North West Track project, advising that Tasracing have agreed to the purchase of 27 hectares of land on Mill Road, Devonport.
- An update was provided on Animal Welfare.
- An update was provided on the Harness Academy. Tasracing advised they have advertised for an Industry Training and Participant Development Manager role who will take over all aspects of training within Tasracing.
- Discussions held around licensing problems coming into the new season. ORI advising that all applications that were received by the specified date were processed in time for the start of the new season.
- Discussions around the need for consistency regarding penalty free scratching due to the availability of drivers and how this could be mitigated.

**Meeting closed 1:59pm**