

HIF – MEETING SUMMARY
Thursday, 5th December 2019
Carrick Park Pacing Club, Carrick
Meeting commenced at 12:09pm

- Tasracing advised disbursement of first aid kits to harness clubs had begun and first aid training offered to clubs requiring a first responder during trials.
- Tasracing advised that a draft policy regarding payment of prizemoney prior to the return of any swab was not something that would be possible at this stage.
- Tasracing advised the HIF group that the alteration to the Joggers Policy previously requested had been completed with the amended policy since approved and released to industry.
- HIF approved the Minimum Nomination Policy put forward by Tasracing to be enforced from January 1, 2020.
- ORI sought feedback from Tasracing and HIF regarding time standards for Qualifying Trials. ORI committed to provide the HIF group an out of session response to queries or concerns on the draft policy.
- HIF discussed the introduction of a policy whereby Trotters could compete in Pacing races. There were examples of such a classification used interstate which would suit the Tasmanian requirement. The group were happy to progress under the provision that trotters would not gain a start over a pacer.
- HIF provided a decision regarding changes to the concession drivers policy which will be implemented January 1, 2020.
- Tasracing gave an overview of the progress of the Harness Racing Industry Review, highlighting the positive feedback that had been received from industry.
- Harness wagering turnover was discussed by the group, in particular the positive gains from the Wednesday night racing during September.
- Tasracing's Marketing Department was represented at this meeting and discussion was had with HIF about the support intended to be given to the harness racing industry via advertisement of race days for on track attendance and wagering.
- Tasracing advised HIF of amendments to the 19/20 Feature Race Calendar. Discussion was held around the move of the Sires Stakes to later in the year. It was suggested a separate group meet to discuss the following seasons Feature Race Calendar early in the new year.
- Tasracing's new Animal Welfare Manager, Belinda Lewis, was introduced to HIF members after which she discussed the current focus of the Animal Welfare team.
- HIF were given an update of the success of both the Mini Trots program and the Double Seated Sulky Novelty Races.
- It was requested that Tasracing investigate increasing opportunities for junior race callers.
- It was requested that Tasracing investigate the cost of having AV for trials