

HIF – MEETING SUMMARY
Friday 12th December 2021
Carrick Park Pacing Club
Meeting commenced at 11:08am

- ORI advised that at this stage it does not have the capacity to check eligibility of dual engaged runners. ORI will continue to look at ways they can make this happen.
- ORI advised that for safety reasons, the Carrick track maximum field sizes for mobile starts will remain at 10.
- Tasracing's proposed Harness Driver Concussion Policy was approved by HIF, Tasracing to investigate insurance impact for harness participants when they are required to standdown due to a concussion.
- Changes to the Abandoned and Postponed Race Meeting Subsidy policies where approved subsidies for both situations will be paid to the trainer.
- Discussions around the additional stakes funding allocation. The group were in favour of increases to Tasbred bonuses, Features races and an additional race at King Island. The group were split on increasing prizemoney or running an additional race at the secondary meeting. Tasracing to provide an update to the group based on the discussions.
- An update was provided on where the currently scheduled meetings for DHRC would be transferred to if the Devonport Showgrounds is unavailable from 1 March 2022. All changes were agreed to except for Burnie who are reluctant to hold a meeting during the football season.
- An update was provided on the Tasbred selected first statistics. Discussion where had around extending this to additional races. Tasracing is to provide the group with modeling around the suggested expansion to additional races
- Discussions around the possibility of the secondary meeting being drawn before the primary meeting. ORI to investigate and provide a response
- Children in Stables policy was approved by the group., It was requested a group be formed to help identify ways Tasracing can assist participants with families coming to the races.
- An update was provided on the Harness Wagering performance.
- Discussions around the lack of consultation with the design of the Brighton Pool. Tasracing advising that Council Engineers had the final say on the design.
- An update was provided by Tasracing regarding the summer racing carnival, advising that Ladbrokes have taken up the partnership extension with Tasracing
- An update was provided by the TTC on a proposal to partner with sporting clubs to bring more people to the races.
- Discussion around the draft Horse Ambulance policy and how the ambulance would be manned during meetings. Tasracing to work with clubs on how this will be done.
- Discussions around services for retired horses. Tasracing advising that available currently is a free lesson program for newly rehomed OTT horses. Tasracing advised that it would require additional resources to expand the current program on offer.
- Discussion around additional vets on course during a race meeting. Tasracing advised that there is a shortage of Equine vets in Tasmania and are looking at strategies to try and engage more vets.

- Tasracing advised the group of Wayne Yole's resignation as the Mini Trots coordinator and how they planned to continue to run the Mini Trots in the interim.
- Discussions around why the 3YO claim cannot be used below a 50 rating and if there is a way to have the national rule changed.
- It was advised that National Harness Racing Rule 155 (horse breaking gait) has been repealed.
- Discussions around the presentation of clerks and track attendees on racedays. Tasracing are currently looking into providing uniforms for the three major tracks.
- Queried was why we do not have a minimum bet law on Harness racing in Tasmania. Tasracing advised that the CFO is looking into it.
- Discussions around Licensing requirements for a Grade A Driver renewal. Trials should be counted as drives. Tasracing/ORI will review.
- Discussions around programming; changing Sires Stakes to heats and not preludes when minimum field sizes can be achieved, changing guidelines to increase maidens from 2 to 4 per month.
- Tasracing provided the group with information regarding the new split payment option for Prizemoney. Questions were asked in relation to how this would work with leases. Tasracing to investigate and provide a response to the group.

Next Meeting: Thursday 24th March 2022