

**HIF – MEETING SUMMARY**  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022**  
**The Grange Campbell Town**  
**Meeting commenced at 2:03pm**

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- It was advised that the LPC did not support the Easter Cups increase to \$100,000 as indicated in the previous minutes.
- Tasracing confirmed under the Concussion Policy, there would be no wait period for loss of income relating to concussion claims.
- ORI advised that due to the impacts of COVID on ORI staff that they have not been able to investigate ineligible runners or the drawing of secondary harness meetings first.
- Discussions held around the challenges of obtaining and funding an additional vet at race meetings.
- Tasracing advised that it had supplied LPC and TTC barrier attendants with uniforms.
- ORI agreed to publish statistics around ballots and nominations on their website.
- Discussions around changes to the Breeders Support Policy.
  - The group approved heats instead of a prelude for the Sires Stakes unless minimum field sizes are not reached.
  - Tasracing to include additional wording around the addition of purchasing a Mare in foal into the Tasbred eligibility and supply the group with a draft for review.
- Discussion around the Harness Race Program Guidelines with the group approving the following amendments.
  - Extra programming of maiden races.
  - Extra programming of NMT LTW races.
  - Trainers Encouragement Races prizemoney amended to \$7,500 with four programmed over the month at both Premier and Secondary meetings.
  - Trainer encouragement races to include changes to race conditions such as Novice Drivers only or order of selection.
  - Any race programmed with a front of under NR45, be programmed as an up to NR45 and be drawn on LTW or LT\$.
  - Maiden races and NMT LTW races be programmed at primary and secondary meetings for the same prizemoney.
- Discussions held around the use of a 3YO concession, the group agreed to the implementation of an 8 point concession once amendments are made to the National Handicapping Rules which is likely to be effective 1<sup>st</sup> July.
- Discussions held around licensing requirements, specifically regarding driver's level of activity for renewals and the ability for approved C Grade drivers to drive on King Island. The group were not satisfied with a number of race drives being placed on the level of activity requirement but approved C grade drivers that are approved by **ORI** to drive on King Island. **ORI** to consider the groups comments regarding driver renewals
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- Discussion around the Harness Academy and how it will be reintroduced. Tasracing advised the possibility of an interim instructor being contracted in the short term. Tasracing is currently waiting for a curriculum to be sent prior to seeking feedback from the novice drivers.

- Discussions held around the future of claiming races and what changes can be made to make them successful.
- An update was provided on harness wagering performance with Tasmanian racing currently in a strong position.
- Discussions held around the Projects, Assets and Operations update.
  - Mowbray works to start 30<sup>th</sup> April.
  - Installations of asphalt at Elwick in the process of approval.
  - Tasracing confirming that, Stage One of the NW track development would be the racing facility, with training made available.
  - Tasracing confirming that children in stables would be included in the WHS review.
  - Tasracing advising that Brighton Harness track would be resurfaced in around 4 weeks with consultation to be conducted with the industry prior.
- An Animal welfare update was provided with Tasracing advising of the Welfare Managers resignation. Tasracing COO to fill this position in the interim.
- Discussions around the 2022 Harness Yearling Sales, with suggestions of extra advertising around the Yearling Sales Bonus and for this to be open to include 3 & 4YO's. Tasracing advising that additional bonuses would be dependent on Code Allocation.
- An update was provided on the Mini Trots Season.
- Discussions held around the TTC's proposal to alleviate domination of a single trainer, the group was in favor of the proposal. Tasracing to obtain legal advice.
- Discussions held around driver tactics when there is a dominance of one stable and ORI's processes around this.

**Next Meeting:** Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June.