

TAN – MEETING SUMMARY
Wednesday 9 December 2020
Colours Room, Launceston

The chair opened the meeting at 12:05pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 September 2020 were confirmed and accepted by all members.

Tasracing advised that they had looked at the annual awards policy and that Leading Juvenile Sire and Leading Overall Sire will now be decided on prizemoney to be in line with the rest of the country. Tasbreeders stated that they would like this adjourned to the next meeting as they would like to discuss it as a committee.

Tasracing presented a new Apprentice Jockey Policy to the group. It has been developed to manage the number of apprentices riding in Tasmania given the recent influx. The Jockeys Association and Trainers Association both requested time to give more feedback to Tasracing on the policy.

Tasbreeders outlined that commercial terms for the 2021 Tasmanian Magic Millions Yearling Sale had been reached with Rural Youth to hold the sale at Quercus Park. This agreement is only for one year and Tasbreeders will be undertaking a full review in 2021 as to the long-term site of the yearling sale.

Following the postponement of the November 18 meeting at Launceston, Tasracing have made changes to the Abandoned / Postponed Race Meeting Subsidy. Tasracing have increased the subsidy by \$100 for each region. The money for these payments comes from the Divided Race Pool.

The Jockeys Association raised the issue of trialling at Hobart on a Tuesday instead of a Monday. Tasracing responded that it is a track management decision and gives more time for renovation between meetings.

Tasracing gave an update on the Hot Weather Policy that is currently being developed. This policy will deal with hot weather only with an Extreme Weather Policy to come that will deal with issues such as smoke from bushfires and lightning. The Hot Weather Policy is taking some time due to getting the science correct and the delay with COVID.

Tasracing outlined that there is an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) available to all licensed people in the industry. It has now been expanded and is available to the clubs and their staff.

A discussion on Oripavine was had. The Trainers Association suggested creating a local rule as the current national rule isn't suitable for Tasmania given the strength of the poppy grown here. It was proposed that the TAN group write to ORI and ask them to do some work on a local rule.

The group discussed racing on King Island. Tasracing highlighted the funding and assistance they provide to King Island.

The Trainers Association spoke about wanting rubber in the horse stalls at Longford. Tasracing will speak to their Assets team about it.

The Trainers Association queried if there was an issue with track ratings as the times are sparsely different between Hobart and Launceston. Tasracing stated that they had done some research on the issue and couldn't find any issue with things like barrier placement or track rating. It was requested that ORI give an explanation at the next TAN meeting as to how they come up with the track rating.

The chair went through some recent Racing Australia rule amendments relating to horses returning from retirement, horses bleeding and the prohibition of jockeys betting overseas.

A wagering turnover performance report for the period ended 30 October 2020 was tabled.

A thoroughbred Marketing update was given to all TAN members.

An Assets and Facilities update report was tabled.

Tasracing gave a verbal update to the group on Animal Welfare.

Tasracing gave a verbal update on Apprentice Jockeys. There are currently 12 apprentices in the system.

The Trainers Association queried when the Devonport track will be refurbished.

Tasracing announced that the charter and members of the thoroughbred programming sub-committee will be reviewed at the start of next year.

The Trainers Association requested a farrier be on course for trials. Tasracing will go away do some further investigation on the matter.

Tasracing outlined that they have spoken to ORI about new betting deductions that are coming into Victoria and New South Wales that Tasmania may adopt.

Tasracing gave an update on Trainers Workers Compensation and the correspondence that has been sent to trainers.

Tasbreeders spoke about the Tasbred scheme and how the inaugural race night was a success. Tasracing noted that betting turnover on the night was high and that the Tasbred raceday will alternate between Hobart and Launceston each year.

The meeting closed at 1:40pm.