

TAN – MEETING SUMMARY
Wednesday 22 June 2022
The Grange, Campbell Town

The meeting opened at 11:05am.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 March 2022 were confirmed and accepted by all members.

Tasracing outlined that there is currently a review of the Animal Welfare function. The Equine Heat Policy will be finalised once that review has been completed.

The Jockeys Association spoke about a recent AJA planning day where there was no appetite amongst the other states to make changes to the apprentice wins scale.

Tasracing introduced plans for a second mounting yard gate at Launceston that have been agreed upon. Works will begin shortly on this.

Tasracing proposed a change to Local Rule 15.21 that dealt with Dual Licenses. The proposed change would remove the maximum 5-year term that a dual license can be held. The TAN group agreed to this change.

Tasracing presented an updated Code Funding Model. Under this model Code Funding would be split into two components. The first component is around code increases that deal with CPI and base increases whilst the second component is an opportunity growth component.

Tasracing gave an update on Trainers Workers Compensation. Detail regarding the recent subsidy that was paid to trainers who had a policy was outlined. Tasracing stated they are still pushing for legislative change in this area.

The Jockeys Association spoke about ongoing issues with vehicle movement at Brighton during trackwork hours.

The Jockeys Association spoke about a submission made to Tasracing regarding an increase to the riding fee. Tasracing responded that it was supportive in concept and will be included as part of the September Code Funding discussion.

Tasracing spoke about the Thoroughbred Race Dates for the 2022/23 season. There wasn't a huge amount of change from last season, but it was noted that the TRC have an additional meeting which will give them 21 for the season.

Tasracing outlined the changes to the Feature Race Program for the 2022/23 season. The 3YO Cup will now be run a week earlier and not on the same night as the Newmarket and the Devonport Cup is now on the second Wednesday in January. It was noted that the 10-day gap between the Hobart and Launceston Cups remains given where the long weekend in Hobart falls. A further discussion was had around possible prizemoney increases for feature races.

A wagering turnover performance report for the period ended 31 May 2022 was tabled.

A thoroughbred Marketing update was given where Tasracing spoke about the work they are doing with Ladbrokes to enhance the Summer Carnival.

A Projects, Assets & Operations Update was tabled.

An Animal Welfare update report was tabled.

An Apprentice School Update was tabled.

The Jockeys Association queried why trials at Hobart were being run on a Monday. Tasracing responded that Trials are always on a Tuesday except when there is a clash with a greyhound race meeting at Hobart.

The Jockeys Association spoke about unlicensed people being in official areas at race meetings far too often. ORI stated that if it is brought to their attention on the day then they will deal with it. Tasracing proposed increasing communication and awareness to the industry about carrying correct identification.

The Chair spoke about the recent Racing Review completed by Dale Monteith.

The Trainers Association queried why there is no 3YO Handicap lead up to the 3YO Cup.

The Chair thanked Nigel Schuurin on behalf of the industry for his efforts over the years as President of the Trainers Association after he announced he is standing down.

Tasracing dismissed recent comments in the media regarding the Hobart track.

The DRC stated that racing is alive and well at Spreyton with between 80-100 horses going around each morning.

Tasracing spoke about the increasing number of incidents of abuse towards Tasracing staff from the industry. They will look to address this in the short term.

Tasbreeders queried why there has been a change with regards to working horses on foggy mornings at Longford. Tasracing stated that there is a policy being developed with the trainers at Longford.

The Jockeys Association spoke about the tapeta track at Devonport and if there are any plans to replace it given its age. Tasracing responded that there is a target to replace it near the end of the current 5-year infrastructure plan.

The meeting closed at 12:41pm.