

**GRG – MEETING SUMMARY**  
**Wednesday, 15 July 2020**  
**The Grange Campbell Town**

The meeting was opened at 10.35am.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2020 were tabled and confirmed as a true and correct record.

Tasracing advised that the option of funding for the desexing of greyhounds for rehoming is listed for consideration during the discussions on the allocation of the Code Funding.

Tasracing advised that the review of the 2017 Breeders questionnaire for re-distribution to breeders had not yet been finalised.

Tasracing advised that due to the COVID-19 restrictions, Dr David Eager had been rescheduled to attend and inspect the tracks on or around 23 August 2020.

Tasracing advised that a review of the recommendations on Short Sprint racing in the tabled discussion paper would be commenced shortly.

Tasracing advised that none of the mainland bodies were interested in swapping meetings for the Launceston Cup. As a result, the cup remained scheduled in February. It was recommended the Cup Final in 2022 be scheduled on the last Monday in January.

Tasracing advised Sky that the time frame of 15 minutes was very difficult to achieve due to the geography of the venues.

ORI advised that a review of the activity level of trainers had been amended from 3 years to 5 years and the wording in the licence conditions had been clarified.

ORI advised that it had been agreed to amend the scratching time for Twilight meetings to 4pm on the previous day.

ORI advised that the OzChase system was hard wired to require a person to be licensed for the date a meeting is held and this was an issue that was unable to be changed or altered.

The GAP statistics for the 2019/20 year were tabled and noted. It was noted that the COVID-19 shutdown had resulted in increased activity at GAP.

GOTBAT advised that the signage for the GAP facility was difficult to see. Tasracing advised that the front area of the property was to be developed and new signage would be installed.

The meeting noted the passing of Shane Yates and the contribution he had made to racing and in particular the greyhound industry.

There was a discussion on the number of race broadcasters and their employment by TAB and Sky. GOTBAT put forward the name of Paul Belcher as a possible candidate for development.

It was recommended that invitations be extended to Greg Fahey (as the Co-Ordinator), Peter Hayes, Rick Puccinelli, Colin McNiff and Michael Hoyle to be members of the 2020 Greyhound of the Year selection panel.

A report on the Local Rule Amendments that were distributed was tabled and it was resolved that Tasracing and ORI further review the proposed amendments.

There was a discussion on the other rule amendments in respect to the change in licenses.

A report advising that the allocation for 2020/21 will include a 3% increase to the budgeted base stakes for 2019/20.

Tasracing suggested that there may be some carried forward funding from 2019/20 season and advised that a paper on the code funding allocation will be provided once that information is available.

GOTBAT referred to the late agenda item on the Fast Track vs OzChase computer systems. Tasracing advised that GA had recently commenced a project to review the development of a National Database for the code.

Tasracing advised it will be serving a notice of dispute on DAPS.

Tasracing advised that the wide arm lure was now installed at Hobart as well as Launceston.

There was a discussion on the shutdown of the industry during COVID-19 and it was noted Tasracing had applied significant pressure behind the scenes for racing to continue and that the shutdown had cost the racing industry approximately \$4m.

Tasracing provided a Racing Operations report.

A wagering turnover summary report for the year ended 30 June 2020 was tabled.

There was a discussion on the changes to the TAB business model coming out of COVID-19. Tasracing advised that a meeting between the TAB and the clubs had been scheduled and the matter of self- service terminals had already been proposed.

ORI provided a verbal report on the number of litters and pups for the last financial year compared to prior year.

The Minutes of the Programming Sub Committee meetings held on 27 February, 20 April and 28 May 2020 were tabled and noted.

A copy of Assets and Facilities Update report was tabled and noted.

The Greyhound Marketing Report for Quarter 4 of 2020 was tabled.

A report on FormPlus Alerts was provided.

Tasracing provided a verbal precis of GA Updates.

Tasracing spoke on GA developing a working relationship with the RSPCA nationally.

HGRC provide a GCA update.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 16 September 2020 at The Grange, Campbell Town commencing at 10am.

Tasracing reported on the amount of activity by the anti-racing lobby group and highlighted that they were becoming more sophisticated and their attacks appeared to be part of a national approach.

HGRC asked about the boxing of greyhounds on race night and Tasracing and ORI advised they will amend the policy, subject to approval from Public Health, at the earliest opportunity.

LGRC suggested the results be provided to The Examiner the following day for publication. Tasracing undertook to investigate whether there was an appetite to publish the results if they were provided.

LGRC suggested a workshop to investigate changing the age for Grade 6 greyhounds. GOTBAT advised that they were preparing a paper for the next Programming Sub Committee meeting and undertook to liaise with the LGRC on the submission.

The meeting closed at 3.00pm.