

GRG – MEETING SUMMARY
Wednesday, 11 March 2020
The Grange Campbell Town

The meeting was opened at 10.35am.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2019 were tabled confirmed as a true and correct record.

Tasracing advised that Dr David Eager had completed his analysis of the data collected at each venue and would be coming to Tasmania on 23, 24 and 25 March 2020 and would be inspecting the three tracks.

Tasracing advised that the brake on the lure was being arranged by Brian Barrington and there was about a 16 week lead time on the new motor delivery.

The GAP statistics for the second quarter of the 2019/20 year were tabled.

It was noted that greyhounds coming into the program would be required to have a current C5 vaccination and the entry fee would be reduced from \$110 to \$60.

Tasracing advised that the first of the greyhounds were moving into the new GAP facility on Friday and expected the centre would be formally opening the doors to the public in a couple of weeks.

A report on the actual expenditure of Code Funding Allocation against budget for 2019/20 was tabled and Tasracing recommended that no reduction in stakes or races be made for the remainder of the season.

Tasracing provided an update report on the Devonport Showgrounds.

It was noted that the wide arm lure had been introduced for racing at Launceston on 23 December 2019.

Tasracing advised that arrangements were in place for the catching pen at Hobart to now be modified.

It was recommended that the matter of Short Sprint races be revisited.

The Greyhound Marketing Update Report was tabled and noted.

ORI advised that investigations into the earbranding and marking of pups in the Launceston area revealed the price difference was very negligible and at the moment the stewards are still involved in the process.

It was recommended that the review period for licence checks be extended to 5 years.

ORI confirmed that a Police Check is not required for a renewal every two years and the wording in the Licence Requirements will be amended to avoid any confusion.

ORI advised there would be no relief from the requirement of interstate nominations being required to be submitted in writing 24 hours prior to the closing of nominations for Group Races.

ORI advised that the scratching time for twilight meetings was still under review.

The Licence Requirements for 2020/21 were recommended.

Tasracing spoke to the proposal of the development and introduction of an On-Track Euthanasia policy to guide officials, On-track Veterinarians and participants.

Tasracing advised that the conditions of the Injury Rebate Scheme policy are currently under review.

Tasracing reported on the responses received to the Code Funding Model Discussion Paper #1.

Tasracing advised that no decisions on the Point of Consumption Tax had been finalised and advised that on the information published racing would not receive funding for significant stake increases from the POC tax until August/September 2021.

GOTBAT tabled a Breeding Scheme proposal.

It was recommended that GOTBAT and Tasracing draft a questionnaire for ORI to distribute to breeders.

It was resolved the matter of DNA costs and a Breeding Credit Scheme be listed for consideration at the time of the distribution of the code funding allocation.

It was noted any public syndication had to meet the requirements of ASIC which were very stringent and costly.

A wagering turnover report for the period ended 31 January 2020 was tabled and noted.

ORI provided a verbal report on the number of litters and pups last year compared to this year to date.

The Minutes of the Programming Sub Committee meetings held on 28 November 2019 and 31 January 2020 were tabled and noted.

LGRC advised that the club was seeking to host the Launceston Cup final on Saturday night 30 January 2021 on Sky2 if necessary. Tasracing undertook to discuss the proposal with mainland bodies and Sky.

A copy of the race date submission put forward by the Programming Sub Committee was tabled and noted

A copy of the local Welfare Rules together with a report on the approval and notification process was tabled.

It was recommended that the cost of de-sexing greyhounds on retirement be considered as a funding option when the distribution of the Code Funding Allocation is being finalised.

An Assets and Facilities Update report was tabled.

It was recommended that Tasracing take over the maintenance of the track and facilities at Devonport.

The Greyhound Marketing Report was tabled.

HGRC advised they discussed the marketing package for the Hobart Thousand and did consider television but had not included it due to the costs.

HGRC advised that the last GCA meeting had concentrated on the Group Racing Calendar for 2020/21. It was noted that New Zealand were keen to commence discussions with Tasmania to co-host the finals in five to six years' time.

The next meeting is scheduled for 10:30am on Wednesday 17 June 2020 at The Grange, Campbell Town.

HGRC advised of issues encountered with only 15 minutes between races at Hobart. Tasracing undertook to again raise the matter at a higher level with Sky.

NWGRC expressed the need for a complete refurbishment of the Devonport track.

Tasracing advised the meeting that GAP would have a presence at Agfest again this year in May and Sky2 was being made free to homes in the near future.

Tasracing advised that a new set of boxes were being procured for Launceston with the second set being the 709 boxes at Hobart.

The meeting closed at 3.17pm.