

TAN – MEETING SUMMARY
Wednesday 22 September 2021
Campbell Town Town Hall, Campbell Town

The meeting opened at 11:10am.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 June 2021 were confirmed and accepted by all members.

Tasracing introduced a Thoroughbred Code Allocation paper that outlined 3 options for how the recent prizemoney increase would be spent. Riding fees were also increased, something that was agreed in principle at the last TAN meeting.

Tasbreeders stated that they would like to see a bigger gap in prizemoney between Maidens and Open Handicaps.

A discussion was had around what feature races would receive an increase in prizemoney. It was decided the Newmarket Handicap, Summer Cup, 3YO Classic and Tasmanian St Leger would be the races that receive an increase. Base stakes would raise by \$1,000 to \$21,000.

Tasracing outlined that the stakes increase would be in place from October 1.

Tasracing presented a paper regarding prizemoney distribution. It was outlined that prizemoney is currently paid down to 5th, but the options presented were to pay down further.

The TAN Group agreed to begin paying down to 6th. This will be in place from October 1.

The Jockeys Association spoke about increasing the number of wins an apprentice has before outriding their claim.

Tasracing explained that they have already spoken to Racing Australia about this, and they would have to change a national rule. They will follow up with Racing Australia again on the issue.

Tasracing spoke about how they recently changed all meetings that don't have a race worth \$50,000 or more on the program to country claims.

Tasracing gave an update on Trainers Workers Compensation. A matrix was presented to assist trainers in knowing what type of cover they will require based on their business structure. Tasracing will discuss with ORI about using this matrix in conjunction with trainers licensing forms.

Members of the King Island Racing Club spoke about their upcoming season and the concerns they had about the availability of jockeys given the COVID situation in Victoria.

The Jockeys Association stated they will speak to local jockeys about riding on King Island.

The King Island Racing Club mentioned that they will need 6 or 7 jockeys to run a race meeting. The first meeting of the season is on December 4.

A discussion was then had between Tasracing and the King Island Racing Club regarding issues with Tabcorp and having tote facilities on their racedays.

The Trainers Association spoke about various issues with training tracks at Brighton and Longford.

Tasracing gave an update on the master plan at Longford. Long term it will be the site for the Magic Millions Sales. The immediate tasks are an 800m chute and drainage on the track.

A wagering turnover performance report for the period ended 31 August 2021 was tabled.

A thoroughbred Marketing update was given where an update on the recent partnership with SEN was given.

A Projects, Assets & Operations Update was tabled. A discussion about aspects of it was then had.

An Animal Welfare update report was tabled.

An Apprentice School Update was tabled.

The Chair welcomed Justin Helmich, the new General Manager of the Office of Racing Integrity to the meeting.

ORI updated the group on the new Thoroughbred Chief Steward, Ross Neal.

The Devonport Racing Club spoke about their plans for the Devonport Cup given the current COVID environment we are in.

The Owners Association queried if the issue the senior jockeys striking at Devonport the previous Sunday was resolved.

The Jockeys Association informed the group that they will be riding at the next meeting.

The Trainers Association spoke about issues regarding night racing finishing times and benchmark racing.

The meeting closed at 1:05pm.