

**TAN – MEETING SUMMARY**  
**Wednesday 22 March 2023**  
**The Grange, Campbell Town**

The meeting opened at 11:00am.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 December 2022 were confirmed and accepted by all members.

The new Tasracing Chief Vet & Animal Welfare Manager, Martin Lenz, introduced himself and gave an update on the Equine Heat Policy.

Tasracing confirmed that full prizemoney being paid to dead heat winners in Maidens has been introduced and communicated to the industry.

Tasracing gave an update on Trainers Workers Compensation and plans in both the short and long term.

Tasracing presented a discussion paper around changing the Tasmanian Derby to a 4 year old event. The consensus of the TAN Group was that a wider view on feature race programming needed to be taken. Further discussion was adjourned until the next meeting in June.

Office of Racing Integrity spoke about the changes to the Licensing document for 2023/24.

Tasracing outlined that submissions from race clubs have started regarding race dates for next season. Final race dates should be presented at the next meeting in June.

The Jockeys Association spoke about a recent incident in Queensland where a jockey was hurt after a witches hat had fallen over in a trial. Believes 2 year olds and unraced horse should be allowed to trial on the fence at Hobart. The Office of Racing Integrity stated they wouldn't have an issue if witches hats weren't used for trials. Tasracing spoke about track management preservation considerations at Hobart and plans with regards to trials at Hobart.

The TRC spoke about the renewal of the funding deed and the current political landscape in Tasmania.

The Jockeys Association spoke about issues at Brighton regarding the high vis vests riders and stables are wearing. Tasracing referenced the current thoroughbred track rules around the standard that high vis vests are required to be.

The Jockeys Association made some suggestions for when the mounting yard placegetter stalls are re-done at tracks around the state. Tasracing outlined that there will be a consultation period with all stakeholders.

The TRC queried what the ongoing strategy will be with regards to coverage of Tasmanian racing in the Mercury following the retirement of Peter Staples. Tasracing stated that they have a journalist lined up at the Mercury to write Tasmanian racing content across the three codes.

The Jockeys Association presented a paper proposing an increase to the riding fee for next season. Tasracing outlined that this will be looked at when code funding is looked at for next season.

The Jockeys Association spoke about Local Rule 15.21 regarding Dual Licenses. Proposed a change to allow dual license holders to have an apprentice jockey. The Office of Racing Integrity stated that they will look into it further.

A wagering turnover performance report for the period ended 31 January 2023 was tabled.

A thoroughbred Marketing update was given where updates on the Tasmanian Summer Racing Festival, Ladbrokes advertisements and documentaries, social listening and the 'It's Why We Race' campaign were given.

A Projects, Assets & Operations Update was tabled. An update on the proposed works at Spreyton and current works at Longford, Elwick and Mowbray were given.

An Animal Welfare update report was tabled.

An Apprentice School Update was tabled.

The Owners Association queried if Tasbreeders were happy with this years Magic Millions Yearling Sale. Tasbreeders spoke about the lack of Tasbred races in the upcoming period of racing and the long-term view of Tasbreeders about Tasbred. Tasracing spoke about Tasbred and the limited pool of money that can currently go towards it.

Tasracing thanked all racing industry stakeholders for working with Tasracing and delivering an awesome Summer Racing Festival.

Tasracing spoke about the shortage of trackwork riders and what the plans are to assist with that issue.

The DRC outlined that the Tavern at Spreyton will open again shortly under new operators.

The DRC mentioned that track manager, Nigel Whelan has moved on from his role.

The meeting closed at 12:57pm