

**GREYHOUND REFERENCE GROUP**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**Wednesday 12 June 2024**

**Tasracing** provided a summary of the Animal Welfare report which had been circulated to members. The GAP team have bested last year's rehoming total with a month to go. The trial period for allowing dogs to race whilst on the GAP waitlist had not been successful and the trial will cease.

**LGRC** asked about the Retirement Preparation Scheme and if the participants could cover only the excess above the scheme limits. **Tasracing** responded that the scheme was working as shown by the average desexing cost which had reduced since the scheme commenced.

**Tasracing** detailed the suggested changes to the Dress Code Policy. Feedback was received regarding wet weather gear and logos. **Tasracing** to amend the policy to include the recommendations and submit to Racing Rules and Policies for approval.

**Tasracing** asked for feedback on the suggested race programming policy amendments. **LGRC** replied they didn't think the proposed changes would work. A discussion occurred around grading, minimum nominations and programming.

**LGRC** asked for an update on the North West track. **Tasracing** responded that the general consultation phase ends tomorrow and there are several options being considered with no preference currently. A discussion occurred around possible options on what the North West track could look like.

**LGRC** asked if it was possible to commence earlier on Monday nights during winter. **Tasracing** to discuss options with Sky Channel.

**LGRC** asked if the Travel Subsidy for North West based participants had been reviewed. **Tasracing** responded that it is currently being reviewed and the government have committed to the subsidy for the next two years.

**Tasracing** gave a summary of the proposed changes to the grading schedule submitted by the Office of Racing Integrity. The group were supportive of the proposed changes.

**LGRC** asked for average race turnover by track, distance and number of starters and a breakdown of injuries by track and distance. **Tasracing** to provide.

The Race Dates and feature Events Calendar for 2024/25 were presented to the group. No feedback was received.

**Tasracing** let members know that feedback from a forum in August 2023 is being considered by the Tasracing Board to develop an updated five-year strategy. **Tasracing** thanked the participants that kindly provided comment, and a more detailed update will be shared at the next meeting.

**HGRC** raised the possibility of Sunday trials at the Brighton straight track. **Tasracing** to investigate.

**Tasracing** stated that they are working with WorkSafe to commence education seminars for participants and asked for industry support to call out any disrespectful behaviour towards on track vets.