

TAN – MEETING SUMMARY
Thursday 28 March 2024
The Grange, Campbell Town

The meeting opened at 11:03am.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 December 2023 were confirmed and accepted by all members.

Tasracing advised that they will be looking to put in a long term solution to the pre and post-race mounting yard process.

High Winds Policy was presented to the TAN group. Tasracing suggested combining all weather related policies into one Extreme Weather policy. This was supported by the TAN group.

Tasracing confirmed that the mowers are set at the same level at Hobart and Launceston.

Tasracing informed the group that they were waiting on additional information from Medical Edge with regards to concussion testing.

Tasracing presented the new season licensing documents to the group. A discussion was had regarding the wording in a couple of areas.

Tasracing spoke about recent meetings they have had with WorkSafe relating to workers compensation and fatigue management.

The TJA put forward their submission for an increase in riding fee for the 2024/25 season. Tasracing stated they will take it into consideration when they look at code funding for next year. Tasbreeders believe additional funds is best utilised going to the Tasbred scheme.

The TJA queried if an increased riding fee will be in place for Winter this year. Tasracing responded that there are no plans to increase the fee during Winter this year.

Tasracing gave an update on racedays for the 2024/25 season after receiving submissions from the DRC, TRC and TTC.

The TJA spoke about a recent incident at a private training track in South Australia. Raised concerns around if a similar incident happening in Tasmania.

The TJA raised concerns about horses being passed to race too easily at trials which can lead to issues on raceday. A discussion was then had around barrier staff in Tasmania. Tasracing stated they are looking to do additional training in this area.

The TJA raised concerns about music being played around the mounting yard at Hobart and Launceston on raceday.

A wagering turnover performance report for the period ended 29 February 2024 was tabled. A discussion was then had on comparisons on turnover numbers from previous years.

A thoroughbred Marketing update report was tabled.

A Projects, Assets & Operations Update was tabled. An update was given on the performance of the Hobart and Launceston tracks over the Carnival. Recent maintenance on the Devonport track and the Devonport amenities building.

An Animal Welfare update report was tabled. Tasracing gave an update on the Equine Code of Practice that is soon to go out for consultation.

An Apprentice School Update was tabled.

Tasracing thanked the three race clubs for their partnership over the Tasmanian Summer Racing Festival.

The Trainers Association spoke about benchmark racing vs class racing. Outlined that they would like additional class racing over lower benchmark races.

The Trainers Association queried the current local rule around the ballot list on Devonport Cup, Tasmanian Derby, Hobart Cup and Launceston Cup days.

The meeting closed at 12:48pm