

GWIC Industry Participant Advisory Council



GIPAC Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date	Friday 23 June 2023
Time	9.00am-10:00pm AEDT
Present:	GIPAC - Glenn Midson, Ben Talbot, Bryan Young GWIC - Wade Birch, Matthew Tutt, Kristy Harper, Shae Courtney
Apologies:	Martin Hallinan
Absent:	Mark Bell, Tracy Hindmarsh (Council Chair)
Secretariat:	Abi Groves, GWIC

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting

- The minutes from the meeting held on 26 May 2023 were formally adopted by the participants.

3. Outstanding action items

- Race day treatments – this has been on the actions list for some time and is no longer such an issue. This will be removed from the action list.

4. Proposed rule changes

- Matt Tutt spoke to the paper on proposed rule changes. The proposed changes to national rules relate to prohibited substances; in particular, there are changes to substances that may be used to treat pannus. However, in NSW the existing local rule relating to pannus will continue to apply.
- Proposed local rules include a rule requiring that where a greyhound is nominated for two races on one day, the trainer must prioritise any race that is a feature race or part of a series.
- Wade Birch advised that the Commission is working with a group of participants that are losing their capacity to care for their dogs as they age.
- Ben reported that owners leave dogs with trainers as they can't keep retired dogs themselves. This means that the number of retired greyhounds in the care of trainers is growing. Waiting lists for rehoming are also growing.
- The Committee discussed issues involved when greyhound trainers lose capacity, and support available from clubs as well as GWIC and GRNSW.
- GWIC is considering introducing a local rule that would require a veterinary check of greyhounds that are returning to race after an absence of more than 60 days. Glenn expressed the view that 60 days is too short a period, and 90 days might be feasible. Bryan noted that 60 days would exclude bitches that have a season, as this takes longer than 60 days.

5. Industry Feedback

- Bryan provided feedback on ETrac, as his transactions haven't been successful.
- Bryan noted a disciplinary matter that took over two years to be finalised. Matt Tutt noted that this does appear to be a long time though finalisation of disciplinary matters can be delayed for various reasons depending on the circumstances involved.

6. GWIC report

- Matt Tutt advised that there will be a Rehoming Summit in September; GIPAC members will be invited.
- Injury reduction strategy – GWIC is meeting with participants who are over-represented in injury data
- Preferential Box Draws – pilot is commencing on 1 August
- Double arm lure trial is also commencing

7. Fee changes

- Fee changes have commenced and were largely uncontroversial, with the exception of fees for Breeders and breeding females, which have been brought into line with other states.
- Breeders – there are now two categories of Breeder – Breeder- Owner and Breeder Whelper. This will mean that there will no longer be an automatic need for a breeding lease.

8. E-Trac

- E-Trac portal on 1 November. Shae Courtney advised that about 20% of participants have signed up to use the portal, which is encouraging. However, GWIC is keen to increase participation before the 1 November deadline and will be using different strategies to engage participants.

9. Greyhound Care Scheme

- Glenn provided feedback on the operation of the new system at Nowra, where it is going well. Ben advised that it is working well at Wagga, partly because the veterinary hospital is directly across the road from the track.
- Bryan noted that the new scheme requires a designated driver, who is essentially on call in case an injury occurs. The requirements of this role are quite specific and recruitment is not easy. Ben advised that he contacted Charles Sturt University and some veterinary science students may be interested in the role.
- Kristy suggested that clubs reach out to Wayne Billett from GRNSW if they are having difficulties with recruiting drivers.

Action: GWIC staff member to contact Bryan to work through reporting issues.

10. Other Business

None

12. Next meeting: Friday 11 August 2023

Action Ref	Meeting date	Action	Person responsible	Due date	Comments