

GIPAC Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date	Friday, 26 March 2021
Time	1:00pm-2:00pm AEDT
Location:	Teleconference via Pexip 2 https://my.cvjoin.com.au/meet/ using Conference Code: 35402336
Present:	GIPAC - Jason Lyne, Barry Ward, Tracy Hindmarsh (Council Chair), Jenny Barnett, Amanda Ginn and Gayle Masterson GWIC - Michelle Ledger (Chair) and Wade Birch
Apologies:	Steve Griffin (GWIC), Martin Hallinan (GIPAC) and Mark Bell (GIPAC)
Secretariat/ minute taker:	Katrina Ring

1. Welcome and apologies

- Chair welcomed all participants.
- GWIC's new Director of Race Day Operations, Wade Birch, was introduced and provided his background in racing and stewarding.

2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting held

- The minutes from meeting held on 26 February 2021 were formally adopted by the participants.

Feedback in relation to proposed GWIC policy

3. Nil

Feedback in relation to GWIC

4. Race day, inspection and registration services

- Comments on registration renewals and why 3 forms of ID are required for current GWIC licence holders. Positive feedback otherwise. Michelle Ledger will refer to Richard Sollorz and report back.
- Reported concern involving the allocation of kennel bays at the races. Concern around the public display of allocations, meaning individual greyhounds could be identified by anyone and potentially targeted. Preference was to have kennel allocations kept hidden in a folder for only kennel staff to see.

- Discussed participants and other staff being allowed into the kennels after a race and prior to the swab. Should not be any access to kennel bay until swab greyhound has been locked away. Procedures and policies in relation to swabbing to be reviewed.
- Reported concern that people are in the catching pen who have not been asked to catch greyhounds. Discussed instituting a system where catchers must be identified by wearing a bib with matching numbers for greyhound they are responsible for catching. Cameras in catching bays are installed at Richmond and Wentworth Park, and The Gardens is next. Pending video footage reviewed, cameras are likely to be installed throughout all TAB venues.
- Reported no hot water at The Gardens swab room to rinse out ladle prior to swabbing, Wade Birch will investigate and report back.

Emerging Industry issues

5. Portable produce purchase centres

- Discussed the topic of a portable GWIC trailer that visits tracks, to allow participants to purchase veterinary products at a cheaper rate and to keep expenses down. Suggestions were raised that it would also be a 'mobile clinic', would sell vaccinations as well as administer pre-arranged pup vaccinations whilst at the track. GWIC to consider proposal and report back.

6. Publication of the GIPAC meeting minutes – proposals

- GWIC has received requests from participants to publish the minutes from each meeting, for review of the wider industry. It was confirmed that a summary of matters and issues discussed, including action items of each meeting to be circulated in first instance prior to publishing.

7. Development of a 2021/22 program of work/topics

- The council confirmed and agreed to develop a yearly workplan offline and bring forward to council meetings. Other industry topics to be discussed during each monthly meeting as per need.

8. Registration renewals are now open

- 2021 registration renewal period has commenced and ends on 30 June 2021. Participants who do not renew their registrations by 30 June 2021 will be required to re-apply for any registrations as a new participant. From 2022 participants will renew their registrations by their birthday each year and have the option to renew for a period of one or three years.

9. First Starters and Trials

- A recent survey was sent to club managers in relation to conditions for unofficial trials and club trials. GWIC is drafting up the results and issues raised in those surveys and a topic raised for GWIC to look into was timed trials for first starter greyhounds.
- Council raised that this is an issue that needs to be reviewed, along with the following feedback:
 - Every trainer can start their dog without a performance trial. If a dog performs poorly, they trial in front of Stewards with two other dogs.
 - Performance trials don't always work and examples of this was discussed
 - If mandatory trials are organised, easier to get dogs in
 - Not having 8 dogs in a trial prior to 1st start is a safety risk as no idea whether 1st starters have ever run in company
 - Clubs work with GWIC and GRNSW for trial proposal and dates/regions etc.

10. Other Business

- Discussed that an emergency and biosecurity plan are mandatory under the Code of Practice. Participants won't lose their licence should they not have a plan in place. Under the new Code of Practice there is requirements for treatment and medical records. No disciplinary action will be taken under those provisions by the Commission until after a substantial period of education around the Code provisions and how best to comply.
- The Commission is running Road Shows around various tracks aimed at educating participants about how to complete their early socialisation and enrichment (eSe) plans. Dates can be found on GWIC website. Ellen Harris will be in attendance, along with a GWIC Policy Officer, to assist participants with registration renewals and completing eSe plans, required under the Code of Practice.

Action Ref	Meeting date	Action	Person responsible	Due date	Comments
21/5	26/02/21 Item 7	Owner Accountability Steve Griffin to draft communications and have available at next month's meeting for review, prior to publishing on social media and GWIC Website.	Steve Griffin	Progress to next meeting 30/04/21	In Progress
21/7	26/02/21 Item 9	Scratching from race during storms without penalty Steve Griffin to investigate potential policy for non-penalty scratch, from storms and report back to advisory council during next month's meeting.	Steve Griffin		Open

21/9	26/02/21 Item 16	Introduce Breeder incentives Barry Ward to provide Steve Griffin a note in relation to this and once provided, Steve Griffin to raise topic with GRNSW.	Barry Ward		In progress
21/10	26/02/21 Item 18	Other Steve Griffin to confirm if any changes with the Breeding Exemption Rule has been included in the rewrite and get back to the advisory council on this, if any findings.	Steve Griffin		In progress
21/11	26/03/21 Item 3	Outstanding action items GWIC to reconsider Breeding Lease Agreement and conditions under which females are bred, due to a recent case with a non-compliant breeding facility.	Michelle Ledger	31/05/21	
21/12	26/03/21 Item 5	Race day, inspection and registration services - Michelle Ledger to refer ID requirements (3 forms of ID for re-registration) for registration renewals to Richard Sollorz and report back to the council. - GWIC to review the rule of the procedures and policies in relation to swabbing (risks for contamination of kennel bay and who is allowed access to kennel area before swab greyhound is locked away) - GWIC to review the displaying of the race day allocations, move to have them concealed to prevent targeting - Wade Birch to investigate no hot water at The Gardens swab room and report back.	Michelle Ledger & Wade Birch		
21/13	26/03/21 Item 6	Portable produce purchase centres GWIC to consider a portable GWIC veterinary trailer and report back to the council	Michelle Ledger		
21/14	26/03/21	First Starters and Trials	All		



	Item 10	Council and GWIC to bring together options and forward to GRNSW, GBOTA and the broader industry.			
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11. Next meeting: Friday, 30 April 2021