

GIPAC Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date	Friday 28 October
Time	1:00pm-2:00pm AEDT
Present:	GIPAC - Tracy Hindmarsh (Council Chair), Jenny Barnett, Jason Lyne, Barry Ward, Martin Hallinan, Gayle Masterson, Mark Bell, Amanda Ginn, GWIC – Steve Griffin, Wade Birch, Matthew Tutt
Apologies:	Gayle Masterson, Mark Bell, Amanda Ginn, Wade Birch, Matthew Tutt, Kristy Harper
Secretariat:	Matthew Larnach

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting

- The minutes from the meeting held on 9 September were formally adopted by the participants.

3. Outstanding action items

Action Ref	Meeting date	Action	Person responsible	Due date	Comments
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		Item was raised with GRNSW. Currently they have desire to support recommendations Item closed
21/11	26/03/21 Item 3	Breeding Lease Agreements 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		Update 30/7 – Review of breeder registrations planned
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		Update 29/10 – Raised possibility of vaccination mobile clinic, available at track in concert with ear branding, i.e. during trial days, or to visit participant homes
21/14	26/03/21 Item 10	First Starters and Trials Council and GWIC to bring together options and forward	Wade Birch		Update 25/6 - Transferred to Wade Birch. Further consultation required. Performance trials not supported by Council.

		to GRNSW, GBOTA and the broader industry.			Update 29/10 – Raised regional program for conducting clearance trials as 12 race meets make it hard to otherwise accommodate. Rotating fortnightly or monthly program, with vet and steward in attendance, supported. Possible issue in addressing marring penalties.
21/15	30/04/21 Item 6	Owner/Handler License merge Steve to follow up Registration Team regarding potential merging of the Owner and Handler licenses	Steve Griffin		Ongoing
21/16	30/06/21	Race Day Treatments Wade Birch to draft position paper on Race Day Treatments for presentation at a subsequent of this Council.	Wade Birch		WB is consulting with other jurisdiction Chief Stewards to ensure consistency

4. Feedback in relation to GWIC

- No items

5. Emerging Industry issues

- No items

6. Verbal update from Chair

- Noted that a new Chief Commissioner will be announced by the Minister shortly. Chris Wheeler will be remaining in his position whilst Peter Collins' term has expired. The Commission will proceed with two Commissioners for the time being.
- Noted discussions held with industry representatives at the Peak Industry Bodies Meeting held in Bathurst on 27 October. One item raised was means to reduce race day injuries further, with several options being looked at. It was agreed by the Council that the trial deployment of Double Arm Lures was supported, and that a statement to this effect is to be drafted for submission to GRNSW
- Discussed proposed new local rules. These are to be circulated to Council for feedback.
- Development of eTrac was discussed. A demonstration of the participant portal will take place at the next meeting, with the portal due for full release to the industry in the new year. Discussed inclusion of option of scanning greyhounds out of a participant's possession when they are moved to a breaker etc.

7. GWIC Rehoming Policy

- The rehoming policy amendments are to be circulated to the Council for feedback. Noted that they include amendments to assessment of behaviourally aggressive greyhounds, and rehoming of greyhounds to council pounds and research institutions.

- Challenges to rehoming were discussed, especially in regards to GAP/rehoming agencies being unable to accept greyhounds. Currently strategies are being explored to reduce pressure on these bodies, such as requiring Syndicates to be responsible for the rehoming of their greyhounds.

8. GWIC Quarterly Report

- Noted Quarterly Industry Report data as collated by the Commission
 - Increase in participant numbers noted
 - A slight decrease in whelping numbers observed, noting seasonal variation may be a contributing factor
 - Increased incidence of pre-race scratching's are being explored. Discussed whether there was regional variation in these
 - Noted that increase in number of total injuries is likely a function of increased diligence of on track veterinarians and greater detection and reporting of minor injuries. Major injuries (Categories D & E) are down.
 - Discussed exploration of race injury reduction strategies to further decrease serious injury rates, including greater analysis of race frequency and its influence on injury levels.
 - Noted that introduction of increased travel subsidiaries may lead to over racing or under preparation of greyhounds. This is something which GWIC will be monitoring closely.
 - Discussion increased compliance of industry participants
 - Discussed changes to GWIC swabbing strategies

9. Other Business

- None noted

10. Next meeting: 25 November 2022