

## GIPAC Monthly Meeting Minutes

<b>Date</b>	Friday, 30 April 2021
<b>Time</b>	1:00pm-2:00pm AEDT
<b>Present:</b>	GIPAC - Jason Lyne, Barry Ward, Tracy Hindmarsh (Council Chair), Jenny Barnett, Amanda Ginn, Martin Hallinan, Mark Bell GWIC – Steve Griffin, Wade Birch
<b>Apologies:</b>	Gayle Masterson
<b>Secretariat/ minute taker:</b>	Matthew Larnach

### 1. Welcome and apologies

- GWIC Chief Steward Wade Birch was introduced to the Committee. Emphasised that he was available to be contacted by participants should have they any concerns they wish to raise.
- Discussion of the three forms of identification required for registration. Confirmation that this was a one-off, and necessary to populate databases as GRNSW did not collect this information. Emphasised that this information needs to be shared with participants, as there is confusion on this topic. Committee members were encouraged to share this information as widely as possible.
- Prizemoney allocation for advertised races which are drawn but not run was raised. Discussion as to whether owners could be compensated in this circumstance. This is an issue that would need to be raised with GRNSW.
- Policing of swabbing areas/touching of greyhound's post-race was raised. Acknowledged that in certain circumstances this is bound to occur (i.e. after Group 1 final), however more stringent guidelines need to be put in place to enforce integrity of swabbing and ensure this area is kept clear of the general public. To be further followed up. Installation of CCTV will also assist in enforcing this integrity.
- Notification of kennel allocations raised. Was noted that at some tracks a folder posted in the kennels allowed participants to see which dogs were allocated where. Wade to follow up to confirm practice. Is important that a consistent approach is adopted across the state and that identities are protected.

### 2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting

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

### 3. Outstanding action items

Action Ref	Meeting date	Action	Person responsible	Due date	Comments
21/5	26/02/21 Item 7	<b>Owner Accountability</b> 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	On Agenda, Item 6  Complete
21/7	26/02/21 Item 9	<b>Scratching from race during storms without penalty</b> 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	<b>Introduce Breeder incentives</b> Barry Ward to provide Steve Griffin a note in relation to this and once provided, Steve Griffin to raise topic with GRNSW.	Barry Ward		Ongoing
21/10	26/02/21 Item 18	<b>Other</b> 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	<b>Outstanding action items</b> 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	Case review underway and options for breeding lease administration to be considered following that review
21/12	26/03/21 Item 5	<b>Race day, inspection and registration services</b> - 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	Michelle Ledger & Wade Birch		-Confirmed that 3 forms of ID was a one-off to populate database.

		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.			-Confirmed Gardens has hot water  Completed
21/13	26/03/21 Item 6	<b>Portable produce purchase centres</b> GWIC to consider a portable GWIC veterinary trailer and report back to the council	Michelle Ledger		In progress
21/14	26/03/21 Item 10	<b>First Starters and Trials</b> Council and GWIC to bring together options and forward to GRNSW, GBOTA and the broader industry.	All Referred to Michelle Ledger		In progress

#### Feedback in relation to proposed GWIC policy

#### 4. Greyhound Transfer Policy

- No issues raised

#### Feedback in relation to GWIC

#### 5. Race day, inspection and registration services

- No issues raised

#### Emerging Industry issues

#### 6. Owner Responsibilities/Accountabilities

- Noted that the responsibilities outlined must be followed, with penalties attached for non-compliance
- Discussed financial impacts, particularly relating to owner/trainer relationships. GWIC cannot intervene in civil matters.
- Emphasised need to send hard copy to all participants to ensure they are kept updated on the changes. Flyers to be included in correspondence, for instance.

- The Code of Practice takes precedence, covers any gaps, i.e. around owners retaining retired greyhounds as pets.
- Discussion of whether owners can catch their own dogs and whether it was possible to merge the owners and handlers license for this reason.

**Action 21/15:** Steve to follow up with Michelle Ledger/Richard Sollorz regarding potential merging of the Owner and Handler licenses

## 7. Development of a GWIC Syndicates Policy

- As part of the Greyhounds Australasia rules rewrite, each jurisdiction is required to develop its own approach towards syndicates, partnerships, bookmakers, promoters and trial tracks. GWIC will be developing policies to address each of these areas.
- Aim is to reduce complexity and gather feedback on some key questions
- Partnerships: Only NSW operates partnerships. Effectively the same as a syndicate (distribution of prize money et al), however in a partnership all members are owners, whereas in a Syndicate ownership is a share. Partnerships therefore impose legal implications, i.e. if one owner was to pass the other would gain full control. Potential issues with valuable greyhound. Requires a separate partnership agreement to address.
- Further feedback to be forwarded to Abigail or Steve

## 8. GAR 127 (10 & 11) Breeding Exceptions Discussion Paper

- Aim is to manage and monitor high risk breeding females.
- Remove vagueness from procedures and ensure clarity of criteria for participants
- GWIC has incorporated expert advice to inform their policy development
- Age is currently addressed on a case by case basis. Proposal is for a ten year hard cut off. This age introduces health concerns, i.e. arthritis
- Fourth litter would require application. Limit in Victoria is 5. Given existing time restraints (no more than 3 litters in 18 months and 3 max caesareans) it is difficult for a greyhound to have more than 5. Discussed that number of litters should be left in the hands of the vet.
- Consensus that ten-year limit should be introduced, with vets to decide upon fitness to breed in regard to number of previous litters. Noted that Fitness to Breed certificates involve a detailed examination.
- Discussion of method of whelping or insemination. Discussed whether hard limit should exist, i.e. 2 caesareans and 3 Artificial Inseminations. Noted that transcervical insemination does not have as large a welfare impact on the greyhound. Consensus that this decision should remain at the discretion of the veterinarian
- Discussion of associated timeframe. Currently 120 days, proposed possible reduction to 90 days.

- Any feedback to be returned to Juliet or Steve

## 9. Social media (public comment) fact sheet

- Agreement on approach and recommendation that penalties should be sufficient to curb poor behaviour

## 10. Changes to the requirements to upgrade from owner/trainer to public trainer

- 20 starts will be a requirement. Looking further at pre-existing win ratio requirement.
- Will be implemented from 1 July, with mandatory online knowledge test
- Vets and stewards will provide oversight on the track regarding conduct. Intent is for the bar to be raised for public trainers as they represent the industry.

## 11. Other Business

- Discussion of dress codes. GBOTA is leading this initiative. Has support from this Committee

## 12. Summary of Actions

Action Ref	Meeting date	Action	Person responsible	Due date	Comments
21/7	26/02/21 Item 9	<b>Scratching from race during storms without penalty</b> 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	<b>Introduce Breeder incentives</b> Barry Ward to provide Steve Griffin a note in relation to this and once provided, Steve Griffin to raise topic with GRNSW.	Barry Ward		Ongoing
21/10	26/02/21 Item 18	<b>Other</b> 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	<b>Outstanding action items</b> GWIC to reconsider Breeding Lease Agreement and conditions under which	Michelle Ledger	31/05/21	Case review underway and options for breeding lease

		females are bred, due to a recent case with a non-compliant breeding facility.			administration to be considered following that review
21/13	26/03/21 Item 6	<b>Portable produce purchase centres</b> GWIC to consider a portable GWIC veterinary trailer and report back to the council	Michelle Ledger		In progress
21/14	26/03/21 Item 10	<b>First Starters and Trials</b> Council and GWIC to bring together options and forward to GRNSW, GBOTA and the broader industry.	All Referred to Michelle Ledger		In progress
21/15	30/04/21 Item 6	<b>Owner/Handler License merge</b> Steve to follow up with Michelle Ledger/Richard Sollorz regarding potential merging of the Owner and Handler licenses	Steve Griffin		

**Next meeting:** Friday, 28 May 2021