

GIPAC Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date	Friday, 30 July 2021
Time	1:00pm-2:00pm AEDT
Present:	GIPAC - Tracy Hindmarsh (Council Chair), Jenny Barnett, Amanda Ginn, Martin Hallinan, Gayle Masterson, Barry Ward, GWIC – Steve Griffin, Wade Birch, Juliet Corish, Michele Ledger, Stacey Bennett, Abigail Groves
Apologies:	Jason Lyne, Mark Bell
Secretariat/ minute taker:	Matthew Larnach

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting

- The minutes from the meeting held on 25 June 2021 were formally adopted by the participants.

3. Outstanding action items

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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		Ongoing
21/11	26/03/21 Item 3	Breeding Lease Agreements	Michelle Ledger		Update 30/7 – Review of

		GWIC to reconsider Breeding Lease Agreement and conditions under which females are bred, due to a recent case with a non-compliant breeding facility.			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		In progress
21/14	26/03/21 Item 10	First Starters and Trials Council and GWIC to bring together options and forward to GRNSW, GBOTA and the broader industry.	Wade Birch		Update 25/6 - Transferred to Wade Birch. Further consultation required. Performance trials not supported by Council.
21/15	30/04/21 Item 6	Owner/Handler License merge Steve to follow up with Michelle Ledger/Richard Sollorz regarding potential merging of the Owner and Handler licenses	Steve Griffin		
21/16	30/06/21	Race Day Treatments Wade Birch to draft position paper on Race Day Treatments for presentation at the next meeting of this Council.	Wade Birch		
21/17	30/06/21	Kennel Allocations Wade to follow up with clubs to ensure processes regarding kennel allocations and confidentiality are being followed.	Wade Birch		Done
21/18	30/06/21	Pre-race Swabs Wade to follow up with stewards regarding processes and timing of pre-race swabs.			

Feedback in relation to proposed GWIC policy

4. Cost of Greyhound Ownership – Abigail Groves

- GWIC developing fact sheets for owners/future owners. Establishing prospective costs involved. Numbers currently are drawn from similar GRV fact sheet.
 - Noted importance of stating GST costs
 - Cost of pre-breaking-in period. Approximately 1 month, with costs around \$70-80 per week.
 - Vet and vaccination fees are variable (unforeseen incidents etc.)
 - Cost of travel, including to and from breaking-in
 - Breaking-in period approx. 1 month, \$140-150 a week.
 - Cost of pup purchase typically between \$6-10,000.

5. Associate Attendant Registration – Juliet Corish

- It is possible to enrol participants under the age of 18. This is seen as a means to attracting new participants into the sport.
- Some concerns have historically been raised as to the capability of 14-16 year olds to physically box a greyhound
- New approach from GWIC is to assume they are capable, whilst under supervision, to box a greyhound, unless a steward deems otherwise.
- Approach unanimously supported by Council

6. Amendments to Greyhound Rehoming Policy

- Amendments address small number of greyhounds unable to be rehomed or assessed by the GaP program.
- Provides an additional pathway for those human aggressive dogs which will never meet the above requirements
- Amendments unanimously supported by Council

Feedback in relation to GWIC

7. Late night race finishes

- Noted difficulties for dogs to compete at late hours, and for trainers to get away at this time, particularly when they are required to travel the next day for a meet elsewhere.
- To be raised at next GRNSW/GWIC Joint Managers Meeting

8. Condition of racing surface at The Gardens



- Noted high proportion of split webbing/abrasion injuries occurring
- Concern that in recent deep harrows aggregate (small stones etc.) have been lifted onto the surface.
- Concerns raised over hardening of the surface over the duration of a meet.
- Issues can be raised by GWIC with GRNSW via the Race Injury Review Panel, or directly via their track maintenance group.
- Also noted concern regarding lack of availability to emergency vet in the region.

Emerging Industry issues

9. Race Day Conflict of Interest Management – Wade Birch

- Addresses club staff fulfilling official roles (judge, starter, lure driver) and conflict of interests owing to participation of close relatives etc.
- Determining an appropriate approach to this issue that can be implemented consistently across the state
- Currently standing down for impacted races, but not for whole meets.
- Noted difficulty for clubs already in handling issues and rostering of staff. Is a management issue.
- Noted particular difficulty in identifying competent lure drivers and judges.
- Council considered that lure drivers are not liable to impact a race in which they have a perceived conflict of interest. However should not be driving a race they own a dog in.

10. Other Business

- Noted industry eligibility for Small Business Rebate. Claims can be made through Service NSW, by GST registered participants, for up to \$1500 to cover cost of fees etc. Can be claimed retrospectively.
 - Please see link for more information <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/small-business-fees-and-charges-rebate>
- Noted some difficulties in using GWIC portal to register new litters. Red fields are appearing on page 1 and 2 that cannot be resolved. To be reviewed by GWIC
- Raised due date of Box Draw Review.
 - Is forthcoming. Covid impact has resulted in brief delay. Noted that review raised very few instances of manual redraws, and that no integrity concerns were raised regarding the process. More information will be available soon.

11. Summary of Actions

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12. Next meeting: Friday, 27 August 2021