

GWIC Industry Participant Advisory Council



Minutes - GIPAC Monthly Meeting

Date	Friday 22 March 2024
Time	10:00am -11:00am AEDT
Present:	GIPAC - Martin Hallinan, Glenn Midson, Luke Brown GWIC – Steve Griffin, Wade Birch, Kristy Harper, Anya Whitehouse, Jason Sun
Apologies:	Ben Talbot, Matthew Tutt
Absent:	Gayle Masterson, Amanda Ginn, Bryan Young, Tracy Hindmarsh, Barry Ward
Secretariat:	Nina Beeston

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting

- The minutes from the meeting held on 16 February 2024 were formally adopted by the participants.

3. Outstanding action items

- Compile a list of tracks with shade sails and cool pools
 - Wade to discuss with Tony Kuipers who is looking into research around use of cool pools and contamination
- List of transporters – 3 recommendations only have been received
 - Martin will provide more next meeting
 - Glen suggests Ray Brittain from Melbourne (Canine Transport Services)
- e-Trac functionality and notification of swab results - in progress
- Issue of desexing and racing and GRNSW's Rehoming Assistance Form
 - Kristy has discussed with GRNSW – issue of under what circumstances will cost of desexing be covered by HAS
 - GWIC aims to distribute some communications to clarify the issues.
 - Noted that veterinarians in Victoria impose a 28 day standdown period post desexing
- Tracking of interstate greyhounds racing in NSW
 - Will increase transparency around who is training; general public want to know. GWIC need to know to enable sampling
 - General agreement that a period needs to be set; what is fair and reasonable. In horses a maximum of 1 month is allowed in caretaker mode.
 - Generally agreed that 1 month is adequate.

Action:

1. GWIC to issue comms to clarify the issues around desexing
2. Wade to arrange for GWIC Policy Team to develop a paper on interstate greyhounds racing in NSW.

4. Feedback in relation to GWIC

- Greyhound Industry Leaders Summit
 - GIPAC - Something good needs to come out of summits; USA rehoming program is positive
 - GWIC - DAL, PBD, GRNSW roadshows have followed on from Summits; video series from Steve Austin/Andrew Biggs anticipated

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5. Emerging industry issues

- GIPAC - harrowing of tracks.
 - Difficult to find out which tracks have been recently deep harrowed; a news alert would assist as some trainers prefer to avoid such tracks

Action:

1. GWIC communications team to talk to GRNSW about getting comms out to participants about deep harrowing

6. Other business

- RaceWell app
 - GWIC is setting up a test flight and seeking feedback on app's presentation; are any refinements needed.
 - Launch is targeted for May. Feedback requested at next GIPAC meeting
- Preferred Box Draws
 - GIPAC reports some erratic running by dogs on straight track. Wade to look into this
 - Some issues with drag lure at Appin leaving an indentation up the middle of the track

7. Next meeting: Friday 26 April 2024