

GWIC Industry Participant Advisory Council



Minutes - GIPAC Monthly Meeting

Date	Friday 26 April 2024
Time	10:00am -11:00am AEDT
Present:	GIPAC - Tracy Hindmarsh (Council Chair), Bryan Young, Glenn Midson, Ben Talbot, Luke Brown GWIC – Steve Griffin, Wade Birch, Matthew Tutt, Kristy Harper
Apologies:	Martin Hallinan
Absent:	Barry Ward, Amanda Ginn, Gayle Masterson
Secretariat:	Kristy Harper

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting

- The minutes from the meeting held on 22 March 2024 were formally adopted by the participants.

3. Outstanding action items

- Action Items held over till next meeting

4. Feedback in relation to GWIC

- Nil

5. Emerging industry issues

- Participants without a scanner don't have access to published details of those that do, making check in more difficult.

Action:

1. GWIC Comms team to look at publishing details of participants that have scanners, and where check ins can take place.

6. Consult on proposed Rule changes from 1 July 2024 – Attachment 3

- Removal of ear branding / ear tattooing from 1 July 2024 - most Rules relate to this. Work is progressing on nose print technology.
- Breeding - most already exist in NSW as local Rules
- A number of new local Rules: e.g:
 - Scratching - Participants who don't get their greyhounds checked in via eTrac, can't nominate.
 - A greyhound in the Greyhound Care Scheme can't be taken to another vet and be euthanised
 - Returning to race after absence of 90 days or more – requires trial and vet exam by OTV at the track.
 - Deceased Participants - introduces a mechanism for transfer of custody of greyhounds until the estate is settled. To address issues where transfer of dogs has been problematic.
 - Licencing rule – to keep Participants still in industry in some capacity, if suspended for a prohibited substance.
- Scratching after the box draw Rule – some differing interpretations of when the 10 days begins; table is misleading

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- Caesarean rule - is a welfare Rule to limit the number of litters a dam can have by caeser. Already a Rule in NSW, adopted by GA as a National Rule. Some concern by GIPAC members that the Rule may discourage undertaking a caeser when one is needed.

Action:

1. Caesarean rule - Matthew to speak with Tony Kuipers to get clarity.
2. Scratching after the box draw – Matthew to correct the table
3. GIPAC to email any other comments about rule changes to Steve

7. Consult – Surrender of greyhounds – Attachment 4

- GIPAC feedback – the proposed rule sounds fair but suggest 3 years exclusion rather than 5 years. 5 would be tough for Participants who are forced to surrender due to an illness such as cancer or a relocation because of a landlord or property sale.
- GWIC – this won't apply to Participants with genuine circumstances, such as where they are unwell and have disclosed, and are working with the Commission.

8. Other business

Nil

9. Next meeting: Friday 24 May 2024