

GWIC Industry Participant Advisory Council



Minutes - GIPAC Monthly Meeting

Date	Friday 28 June 2024
Time	10:00am -11:00am AEDT
Present:	GIPAC - Tracy Hindmarsh (Council Chair), Barry Ward, Martin Hallinan, Bryan Young, Glenn Midson, Luke Brown GWIC – Steve Griffin, Wade Birch, Matthew Tutt, Kristy Harper, Anya Whitehead
Apologies:	Nil
Absent:	Amanda Ginn, Gayle Masterson
Secretariat:	Nina Beeston

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting

- The minutes from the meeting held on 24 May 2024 were formally adopted by the participants.

3. Outstanding action items

- Talk to Donna about whether a shade sail could be installed in the parade area at the Casino track.* Tracey has spoken to Donna. There is shade available. This item to be marked as closed.
- Tracking of interstate greyhounds racing in NSW – increased transparency.* Nose print technology, particularly once adopted by other jurisdictions, will enable tracking of interstate greyhounds.
- Look at the GRNSW rehoming assistance form (reference to desexing).* This is sitting with GRNSW.
- Caesarean rule* – has been deferred to 1 November.
- Scratching after the box draw. Table to be corrected.* This has been actioned. Item to be marked as closed.
- Email any other comments about rule changes to Steve Griffin.* Comments have been provided. Item to be marked as closed.

4. Feedback in relation to GWIC

- GIPAC: Stewards are not enforcing the dress code at some tracks; participants are wearing shoes and items of clothing that are not part of the dress code.
- GWIC: Wade will speak to the Stewards; communications will be sent reminding Stewards of the need to enforce the dress code.
- GIPAC: Wentworth Park has gone back to a 11pm finish causing difficulties for country trainers who are not happy. There is a 40 min time gap if called for a swab; which makes for a very late finish. It's also not possible to trial after a meeting, which further inconveniences country trainers.
- GWIC: Participant welfare is important. This will be raised with GRNSW and GBOTA.

Action:

- Wade to speak to Stewards and comms to be sent regarding enforcement of the dress code.
- Issue of Wentworth Park late finishes to be raised at the joint GWIC/GBOTA meeting next week.

5. Emerging industry issues

- Nil

6. Commencement of new racing rules 1 July

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- GWIC: New GA and Local Rules will commence from 1 July. We previously consulted on the Local Rules. Two Local Rules have been deferred to beyond 1 July: L135 – returning to race after 90 days, and L21B Greyhound subject to Greyhound Care Scheme.

7. Race Well

- GWIC: Reminder to download the Race Well app if you haven't already.
- GIPAC: A few products are not appearing. Products that can be obtained from a vet seem to be there. It would be useful to include products that aren't sourced from a vet.
- GIPAC: Thyroxine is not allowed according to Race Well. Some dogs need ongoing medication.
- GWIC: The app will continue to be developed. This is the first version. More products will be added over time such as those for human use that can also be given to dogs. We will also be adding a report back function that allows users to specify a product to be added. We invite feedback on any missing products. The app is intended to assist Participants to avoid positive swabs.

Action:

1. Wade to discuss the issue of Thyroxine with Tony Kuipers and report back

8. Media issues

- GWIC: There has been an amount of negative media attention recently.
 - CPG misinformation about greyhound deaths - Alby Taylor issued a media release to correct inaccuracies.
 - Wyee GAP facility – concerns raised by former staff. GWIC has been asked to undertake an investigation.
 - Former GRNSW Chief Veterinary Officer has put forward a paper.

9. Other business

- GIPAC: What is happening with the USA rehoming program?
- GWIC: Qantas is doing a review, and not taking any bookings from Sunday. GWIC hasn't been asked to comment and we are not part of discussions with the airline. We don't know if other airline carriers will be used. This is something GRNSW would know.

10. **Next meeting:** Friday 26 July 2024

11. Record of action items

Action Ref	Meeting date	Action	Person responsible	Due date	Comments
	24/11/2023	Compile a list of tracks with shade sails and cool pools	Wade Birch		In progress. WB to discuss use of cool pools with Tony Kuipers
	15/12/2023	Look into eTrac functionality and whether notification of a swab result can be sent to the trainer.	Wade Birch		Currently in development. Will be ready for use in 3 – 6 month's time (Aug – Nov 24)
	25/1/2024	Tracking of interstate greyhounds racing in NSW – increased transparency. M.Tutt to discuss with GRNSW offline	GWIC		In progress. GWIC Policy Team to develop a paper
	16/2/2024	Look at the GRNSW rehoming assistance form (reference to desexing)	Wade Birch		Sitting with GRNSW. GRNSW does not have capacity to separate desexing from other parts of HAS.

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	26/4/2024	Caesarean rule - speak with Tony Kuipers to get clarity.	Matthew Tutt		Implementation has been deferred to 1 November
	28/6/2024	Speak to Stewards and comms to be sent regarding wearing of uniforms.	Wade Birch / Anya Whitehead		
	28/6/2024	Issue of travel/participant welfare to be raised with GBOTA at the joint GWIC/GBOTA meeting next week.	GWIC		
	28/6/2024	Discuss the issue of Thyroxine with Tony Kuipers and report back	Wade Birch		