

GWIC Industry Participant Advisory Council



GIPAC Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date	Friday 7 July 2023
Time	9:00am –10:00am AEDT
Present:	GIPAC - Glenn Midson, Ben Talbot, Bryan Young GWIC - Matthew Tutt (Chair) Wade Birch, Kristy Harper, Abigail Groves
Apologies:	Apologies: Martin Hallinan, Steve Griffin
Absent:	Tracy Hindmarsh (Council Chair), Mark Bell, Barry Ward, Gayle Masterson
Secretariat:	Shae Courtney

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting

- The minutes from the meeting held on 23 June 2023 were formally adopted by the participants.

3. Outstanding action items

- Action Items held over till next meeting

4. Proposed changes to National Rules

- Chair introduced the item. Highlighted and summarised the changes.
- It was noted that the local rules supersede national rules. No change for the local rules at this stage.
- New local rule has been requested of GWIC.

5. Feedback in relation to GWIC

- Chair canvassed feedback from the Committee.
- Feedback focussed on eTrac
- Bryan – transactions, and particularly transfers, need to be improved.
- GWIC has asked Amanda West to give Bryan a call.
- Suggested that others are experiencing the same issues.
- Disciplinary decisions taking too long, one instance it took over two years to resolve. Chair outlined the complexity in some matters, outlined the resources being dedicated to the process.
- Wade - that particularly case was under the supervision of an individual who is no longer with the Commission. Touched on the capacity considerations.
- Bryan - raised assessment delays to go into GAP.
- Ben - raised issues with placement of retired animals through GAP.
- Wade - encouraged Committee members contact GWIC to address welfare issues/capacity issues so that the Commission can address this in conjunction with GRNSW.
- Pet-ready greyhounds can be directed via a different stream.
- Chair raised the rehoming summit in September.

Action: Rehoming Summit – keep watch out.

6. Emerging Industry issues

- Participant Competency and Capacity
 - Chair raised the capacity issues and further consultation, for noting.
- Injury Reduction
 - Work in progress – program to meet with participants.
 - PBD 1/8 Gardens and Dapto.
 - DAL 1/8
 - Chair raised return to racing – period for which GWIC ask for a vet certificate. Rule 135. A lesser period might be appropriate – canvassed 60 days.
 - Glenn - suggested 60 days might be too short.
 - Bryan - bone injuries need at least 6 weeks. Depends on the severity of the injury, but usually we can address the injury within six months. Bryan raised the issue of giveaways. If not within the first two months, then maybe it needs to trial.
 - Glenn - as Wade suggests, it is the 10 per cent we need to worry about.
 - Wade - suggested that there is more work to do.
 - Ben - some dogs with six month injuries, 95 per cent of six months plus don't return to the track. Happy with three months.

7. Chair Report

- Nothing further

8. Other Business

- Injury Reduction – noted
- Regulatory Roadshow – noted
- September Summit – noted
- New fees from 1 July 2023 – noted
- New breeder categories – noted
 - Breeding categories – raised with committee. Highlighted the key advantages of the new categories.
- eTrac – 1 November 2023 switchover date
- Bryan - latest litter of pups – raised issue. Amanda West will contact Bryan.
- Shae - raised the critical nature of eTrac regos - noted
- Wade - canvassed views on GCS 2.0.
 - Glenn - indicated very similar to previous scheme, but positive.
 - Ben - indicated that it has worked out very well.
 - Bryan - issue in securing transporter at the track.
 - Wade- underscored the importance of on track transporter.
 - Kristy - suggested that the transporter is required during the racing itself, so it can be used to focus on pre-race activity.
- Ben - on ambulance care – vet licenses.

Meeting closed 0944

9. Next meeting: Friday 28 July 2023

Action Ref	Meeting date	Action	Person responsible	Due date	Comments
21/16	30/06/21	<p>Race Day Treatments Wade Birch to draft position paper on Race Day Treatments for presentation at the next meeting of this Council.</p>	Wade Birch	<p>May/June</p> <p>This is a significant change in the sport. Education pieces need to be done. Seeking industry feedback. Dogs must freely consume anything. Passable items to abide by the rules to be part of the education piece? GA list to be circulated? Wade instructs on pre-altering the stewards if participant must (due to travel distances etc) carry substances for post race treatments</p>	<p>This will depend on the new rule. Any manipulation by a machine on the day is considered a treatment. Anything outside the dogs normal food and water</p>