

GWIC Industry Participant Advisory Council



GIPAC Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date	Friday 11 August 2023
Time	11:00am -12:00pm AEDT
Present:	GIPAC - Tracy Hindmarsh (Council Chair), Barry Ward, Martin Hallinan, Amanda Ginn, Bryan Young, Ben Talbot GWIC - Steve Griffin, Wade Birch, Matthew Tutt, Kristy Harper, Shae Courtney
Apologies:	Glenn Midson, Gayle Masterson
Absent:	Mark Bell
Secretariat:	Nina Beeston (GWIC)

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting

- The minutes from the meeting held on 7 July 2023 were formally adopted by the participants.

3. Outstanding action items

- Noted – Ref 21/16 Race day Treatments has been completed. To be removed from the action item list

4. Feedback in relation to GWIC

- Nil

5. Emerging Industry issues

• Race Injury Reduction

GWIC reported:

- Double arm lures have started at The Gardens and Dapto
- Preferred Box Draw (PBD) – is starting to happen
- Strategies are working well
- GWIC has been sending out communications about assistance available if needed
- Positive comments on social media about double arm lures are noted
- GRNSW wants to trial finish on lure and finish on decoy, rather than catching pen, to see if injuries are reduced

Q: How will the general public know which races are using PBD?

- Should be included in the race book

6. Verbal update from Chair

- Nil

7. Management of welfare risk in the greyhound racing industry

GWIC reported:

- Proposal is similar to Qld's tiered model, and is designed to proactively address risk
- Will allow assessment of financial capacity to manage a particular number of greyhounds
- Person who has care of a dog is the one who will need to prove financial capability

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- Will apply to new participants only; existing participants will be grandfathered
- Anticipated to only affect a small percentage of people who are in trouble financially
- Participants who are struggling financially will be assisted to transition to a more manageable number of greyhounds.
- This is about protecting the industry
- The Participant Support Program can assist with rehoming
- GWIC will be consulting with a range of stakeholders, GIPAC is the first
- GWIC is seeking GIPAC's feedback on the proposal, questions for consideration are included in the Discussion Paper.

GIPAC:

- Acknowledge this is about providing support when people get into trouble;
- We should be encouraging new participants rather than discouraging
- Concerned a lot of effort will go into implementing the proposal and it may not work
- Would be very surprised if many new participants join with more than 10 greyhounds, so it may apply to only very small number of people
- Agree that some trainers need help to offload greyhounds to other trainers; when for example they become injured and can't manage for a time
- Issue with syndicates not taking full responsibility of their greyhounds; they should be required to sign an agreement that will hold them responsible

GWIC:

- The abandoned greyhound rule seeks to ensure rehoming of unwanted greyhounds
- We are considering amending the policy to make syndicates responsible for rehoming if they no longer wish to syndicate a greyhound.
- Participants need to report conduct of owners if a greyhound is dumped
- We want to implement more stringent rules for syndicates and make this part of the syndicate registration process

Q: Can a greyhound be advertised on gumtree or face book to rehome?

A: Yes

- May be subject to negative comments if advertising through face book

Q: How are the water coolers and shade going?

GWIC: It will be a long hot summer. This is something to work on with the clubs

Action:

- Kristy to distribute a deidentified example of a trainer/owner contract to the group

8. Workplan 2021-2022

The Workplan 2021-2022 was reviewed and the following progress on issues noted:

1. Owner accountability – more work is to be done
2. Race Abandonment Protocols - Completed
3. Race Injury After Care - Completed
4. Owner Breeding - Completed; whelp/breeder category introduced
5. Scratching from race during storms - Achieved
6. Reduction in online paperwork – Achieved; eTrac will address this issue
7. Portable produce purchase centres - ongoing
8. Consistency in officiating at race meetings and advice from GWIC staff - Achieved
9. Review of regulation of breeding – breeder incentives not supported by GNSW; not to be progressed
10. Breeding Leases- Achieved. Breeder / Owner category negates the need for this
11. First starter trials – to be removed from the workplan. GA is discussing removing ear tattooing, with nose snout recognition being considered as a second form of identification.
12. Communication via social media - Achieved

Actions:

- 2021/2022 Work Plan to be amended and GWIC website updated
- All to come back within the next few weeks with ideas on what should be included on the new Work Plan

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9. Other Business

- Q: What medication can be used to keep bitches off cycle? A: Primulot N, available by veterinary prescription
- Blood sampling-
 - Is undertaken by a Veterinarian
 - Can't be taken for every race; samples are taken strategically
 - A review of the blood sampling program with bee undertaken by GWIC this year
- Swabbing -
 - Swabbing policy will be reviewed in the future
 - A data base will be developed for GWIC that will direct swabbing
 - The Race and Intelligence team ensures that swabbing is intelligence led
 - Pre-race swabbing is to be increased

GIPAC: Participants would like more transparency with pre race swabbing; would be better if another person other than a Steward could witness; some perception of targeting

GWIC: One pre race swab is random, others are intelligence led and targeted. If someone feels they are being targeted; they should contact Wade.

- Lack of new people entering the sport – shortage of breakers, whelpers and pre trainers. Is a struggle to find proper training for middle to lower tier dogs.
- Succession plan is needed
- GNSW have some good ideas for training and are looking at a TAFE program

Action: This issue to be included for discussion at the September summit

12. Next meeting: Friday 22 September 2023

Action Ref	Meeting date	Action	Person responsible	Due date	Comments