



## GIPAC Monthly Meeting Minutes

<b>Date</b>	Friday, 27 August 2021
<b>Time</b>	1:00pm-2:00pm AEDT
<b>Present:</b>	GIPAC -Jenny Barnett, Amanda Ginn, Gayle Masterson  GWIC – Steve Griffin, Juliet Corish, Abigail Groves, Katie Foran, Richard Sollorz, Matt Tutt
<b>Apologies:</b>	Jason Lyne, Mark Bell, Tracey Hindmarsh, Barry Ward, Martin Hallinan
<b>Secretariat/ minute taker:</b>	Matthew Larnach

### 1. Welcome and apologies

### 2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting

- The minutes from the meeting held on 30 July 2021 were formally adopted by the participants.

### 3. Outstanding action items

- Held over until next meeting

### Feedback in relation to proposed GWIC policy

#### 4. Registration Renewal Update – Richard Sollorz

- Renewal period allowed for far greater picture of industry participation to be captures, i.e., cleansed register of legacy data that the Commission inherited.
- Data allows for demographic breakdown of participants. Indicate industry has a younger distribution than sometimes thought, i.e., majority of participants fall between 39-69 age group.
- More accurate data will better allow for more accurate identification of trends in the industry
- New registration processes to be introduced later this year will greatly reduce workloads involved, i.e., no yearly rush for whole industry to complete.

## **5. Code of Practice Website – Katie Foran**

- Emphasis is on usability of the website
- Provides detailed guides, i.e., on rehoming greyhounds and step by step process through the GaP system
- Further feedback is appreciated. Please send any suggestions through to minute taker.
- Looking to film video to host on the site, particularly of greyhound kennels/facilities. Exploring using footage already taken by GRNSW
- Recommended that detailed instructions be provided on training puppies.
- Recommended that the website cover the different types of lures that can be used for training

## **6. Registration Assessment Program – Juliet Corish & Abigail Groves**

- Compulsory assessment of participants was a recommendation made at the Commission's inception.
- Introducing online assessment for new applicants in the Greyhound Health Assistant, Owner and Official categories
- Information booklet provides an overview of the role, and the online test then addresses topics raised, assuring a basic level of knowledge in the applicant
- Feedback is appreciated.
- Noted that some of the questions, particularly in the Owners test, are very basic and therefore of questionable value. Aim is not for test to be overly onerous for participants to complete.

### **Feedback in relation to GWIC**

- Raised allocation of greyhounds in kennels, particularly when they are drawn to race late in a meet. Kennelling near high traffic areas creates anxiety in the dogs
- Raised Swabbing of winners and minimum prize money. These guidelines are currently under review by the Stewards Panel.

### **Emerging Industry issues**

## **7. Disciplinary Action Guide – Matt Tutt**

- The Action Guide is now published on the GWIC website. Particular attention was drawn to pages 5 & 6 and the guidelines for interim suspension/disqualifications.
- Reinforced that strict and clear guidelines have been put in place as to how these suspensions are issued
- Noted that GWIC retains the capacity to issue an interim suspension if it believes there is a serious risk to integrity or welfare, or a case of serious abuse, and it is in the best interests of the industry to immediately suspend a participant.
- Aim in publishing guidelines is to ensure industry is made aware of how these powers are used.

- Noted that whilst issues are intended to be resolved quickly, delays can sometimes occur owing to participants seeking legal intervention or seeking to appeal.
- Noted that penalties imposed on an interim basis are eligible to be appealed at the RAT.
- Abusive comments on social media platforms still being pursued when they occur.

## 8. Other Business

Nil

## 11. Summary of Actions

Action Ref	Meeting date	Action	Person responsible	Due date	Comments
21/7	26/02/21 Item 9	<b>Scratching from race during storms without penalty</b> Steve Griffin to investigate potential policy for non-penalty scratch, from storms and report back to advisory council during next month's meeting.	Wade Birch		<b>Update 25/6 -</b> Transferred to Wade Birch
21/9	26/02/21 Item 16	<b>Introduce Breeder incentives</b> Barry Ward to provide Steve Griffin a note in relation to this and once provided, Steve Griffin to raise topic with GRNSW.	Barry Ward		Ongoing
21/11	26/03/21 Item 3	<b>Breeding Lease Agreements</b> GWIC to reconsider Breeding Lease Agreement and conditions under which females are bred, due to a recent case with a non-compliant breeding facility.	Michelle Ledger		<b>Update 30/7 –</b> Review of breeder registrations planned
21/13	26/03/21 Item 6	<b>Portable produce purchase centres</b> GWIC to consider a portable GWIC veterinary trailer and report back to the council	Michelle Ledger		In progress
21/14	26/03/21 Item 10	<b>First Starters and Trials</b> Council and GWIC to bring together options and forward to GRNSW, GBOTA and the broader industry.	Wade Birch		<b>Update 25/6 -</b> Transferred to Wade Birch. Further consultation required. Performance trials not

					supported by Council.
21/15	30/04/21 Item 6	<b>Owner/Handler License merge</b> Steve to follow up with Michelle Ledger/Richard Sollorz regarding potential merging of the Owner and Handler licenses	Steve Griffin		
21/16	30/06/21	<b>Race Day Treatments</b> Wade Birch to draft position paper on Race Day Treatments for presentation at the next meeting of this Council.	Wade Birch		
21/18	30/06/21	<b>Pre-race Swabs</b> Wade to follow up with stewards regarding processes and timing of pre-race swabs.			

**12. Next meeting:** Friday, 24 September 2021