

**NOTES OF INDUSTRY CONSULTATIVE GROUP (ICG) MEETING
HELD IN THE BOARDROOM OF GRSA, 55 CARDIGAN STREET, ANGLE PARK
ON FRIDAY MAY 17, 2024 AT 10.00AM**

ATTENDEES:

Grantley Stevens (Chairman)
David Lewis
Ray Fewings
Petar Jovanovic
Christine Costa
Ryan Tugwell
Deb Isaacson
Keaton Bond
Dr Greg Moore
Kim Johnstone
Shaun Mathieson
Heath Pocock
Derek Kordick
Paul Mullins
Kelly Rourke
Hayley Alexander
Sheriden Milam (Notes Secretary)

The meeting commenced at 10.12am.

1 APOLOGIES

Nicolle Rantanen Reynolds, Danielle Chegia, Gavin Harris and Ben Kavenagh noted apologies.

The RM confirmed the current ICG panel and recent changes. He advised that Jason Newman had resigned from his position, effective immediately. The RM proposed that for those new and re-elected Members to the panel (Gavin Harris, Kim Johnstone, Christine Costa, Petar Jovanovic, Danielle Chegia and Deb Isaacson), due to delay in their appointment/reappointment, that their terms be extended until June 30, 2026. Further to this, The RM proposed that those members with terms expiring on June 30, 2024 (Ryan Tugwell, Greg Moore and Keaton Bond) be extended until September 30, 2024 to allow sufficient time for the application process to be undertaken. All members were supportive of this approach.

2 NOTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes from the ICG Meeting held on Tuesday January 23, 2024 were noted as a true and correct record.

3 ACTION LIST

The Group noted the action list as presented.

4 AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 CEO Induction & Overview

The CEO provided an introduction to himself as well background to operational undertakings since his commencement.

4.2 Stakeholder Engagement Sessions

The CEO highlighted the recent Future in Focus sessions, their purpose and outcomes. He noted that approximately 150 individuals attended over the four sessions, providing a good cross section of industry. He further noted the discussions held were open and professional and management would be looking to hold such sessions on a six-monthly basis going forward. The main feedback received from the session was around welfare, integrity, racing, breeding, lifecycle management, prizemoney, participant demographics, behaviour and communication.

4.3 Independent Inquiry into the Governance of the Greyhound Racing Industry In South Australia

The CEO advised the group of the appointment of Sal Perna to the position of Greyhound Industry Reform Inspector and provided an update on the status of the inquiry recommendations.

4.4 Strategic Plan Refresh

The CEO provided background to the planned process in relation to the Strategic Plan refresh. He requested the group determine a nominated person to participate in the process. Members suggested two people from the group would be beneficial due to diversification which was agreed. The Group nominated Petar Jovanovic and Christine Costa.

4.5 Breeding

The CEO noted current breeding levels compared to historically and highlighted a Board approved increase to breeding support to be introduced for 12 months. The CEO invited comments from the Group around the support and its best application. The RM noted feedback from the breeder's survey centered around suggested increases to sire payments to aid better selection. Increased veterinary costs were noted and suggested increases to pup payments would be beneficial. Members noted whelping costs and suggested assistance to these costs would be of assistance. The CEO committed to considering this for inclusion. Members suggested payments for bitches once inseminated would be beneficial. Members noted rebates directed towards sires would be beneficial to ensure quality pups. The CEO committed to reworking the breeders support conditions and application with an expected announcement date shortly.

4.6 Members/Industry submission

Modification of Inside Rail Fence

The Group were supportive of extending the inside rail chain mesh fence. Further to this the Chief Steward would liaise with all lure drivers to ensure education of changes and committed to them providing sufficient time for the gate to close. Members suggested the fence should be positioned where lure is pulled away. The CEO committed to management undertaking recommendations,

DACO Requirements and Local Government Seminars

Management provided information regarding changes proposed to Government and noted none of which have been approved or committed to so no further comment was available. Management advised that GRSA was continuing to work very closely with DACO and providing a submission in response to proposed changes. Management reinforced that GRSA was unable to provide further information until after the consultation period and once the proposal had gone through parliament.

Vaccination Rule

The RM noted currently Victoria did not currently apply the national rule (moratorium in place) in regard to C5 vaccinations while SA did. However, the Chief Steward had advised that Victoria will be implementing the national rule in October 2024. The CEO noted the national rule did provide an option to vary the vaccination process so long as the greyhound is vaccinated to a C5 equivalent protection, and this is supported by veterinarian certification. Members noted this could be achieved via titer testing. Members suggested the vaccination rules did not follow current world best practice for vaccination. The current vaccination rule / protocols are dependent on the greyhound's birth date, which complicates the time of year which kennel cough vaccine is most effective, prior to winter. Under the current protocol the greyhounds are vaccinated at all different times of the year, leaving greyhounds vulnerable and catching kennel cough waiting for their vaccine date, which compromises the biosecurity of the property and the population of greyhounds in South Australia. The CEO noted prior to implementation of the rule, public consultation was undertaken, and implementation was based on veterinary advice. Members noted the optimal process for pup vaccinations was a three-shot process. The CEO and Chair committed to further raising at next GA CEO meeting.

DNA of All Greyhounds

The RM noted the Chief Steward had advised that GA will not be mandating DNA of all greyhounds and that when ear branding is ceased, each jurisdiction will look at their own alternate methods of identification such as nose print recognition as the second form of identification behind microchipping.

Grading of Injuries

The RM noted advice from the Chief Steward was that it was best to contact the stewards department with any queries. Members requested confirmation of what level of injury is reportable. The CEO noted the Members comments and committed to providing greater information regarding trainer obligations around GA Rule 122 at the next meeting.

Track Maintenance Timing and Communication.

Management provided an update and clarified the track maintenance schedule. They highlighted a national track diagnostic project being undertaken as well as training programs for track staff. They noted as part of this work, maintenance schedules are to be developed.

5.0 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

6.0 LATE ITEMS

Nil.

The meeting closed at 12.09pm.

NEXT MEETING: Friday September 13, 2024.