

## **Executive Summary**

### **Northern Regional Forum Meeting**

**Date:** 19 March 2025 | **Format:** Face to Face meeting | Cambridge Raceway

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#### **Meeting Overview:**

- Chaired by Jamie McKinnon, attended by Northern Regional Forum Executive
  - Focused on Race Calendar, Look North Strategy, Racing Bureau, Breeding Proposal,
  - Discussion on future training centre opportunities
  - TAB Performance data (D Gale)
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#### **Key Discussion Points:**

- Welcome Ian McKelvie to Forum Executive
  - Draft race calendar – need to see early engagement from HRNZ with Forums/Clubs
  - Stakes to Wagering returns – question re injection of more money into higher staked races, is this delivering, more transparency needed.
  - Look North – how to involve Central Districts clubs further to enhance delivery.
  - Training Centre – what does the future look like, what options can be explored, dual code options.
  - Training Centre Funding – concern that costs are outstripping HRNZ contribution.
  - Health & Safety – need to monitor and update club programmes.
  - Breeding – serious concern re foal numbers and commitment by breeders to support future growth requirements. Forum supported by Northern Breeders will submit a suggested pathway to HRNZ.
  - Grass track racing Central Districts – concern that current proposal by HRNZ will not deliver the required outcome. Forum to submit an alternative plan for discussion.
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#### **Agreed Actions:**

- Training centre cost analysis and review required in conjunction with HRNZ.
  - TAB Performance data – request further information and response from HRNZ
  - Breeding Proposal – submitted to HRNZ.
  - Grass Track Racing – letter to HRNZ detailing alternative plan.
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**Reference:** [HRNZ Website](#)