

Disciplinary Committee Inquiries

The Disciplinary Committee of the GBGB were in attendance at a meeting held on 24 March 2011:-

Mr K Salmon (in the chair)

Mr R Coughlan

Dr A J Higgins

Mr A Hunt

(*denotes where Dr Higgins was present as Chair of DMAP)

1. *Oxford Stadium – EAGLES HI – Professional Trainer Mr S Rayner

Professional Trainer Mr Stephen Rayner was found in breach of rules 49 (iv), 152 (i) & (ii), 174 (i)(a), 216 and 217 of the GBGB rules of racing in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound EAGLES HI at Oxford Stadium on 30 October 2010 was analysed by LGC Ltd. as containing the presence of 17 β Trenbolone; and that he administered a substance that could affect the performance and/or well being of the greyhound; and, failed to use his best endeavours to ensure that the performance of the greyhound was to the satisfaction of the GRB.

Mr Rayner was in attendance and represented by Mr Julian Lee. Mr Gary Baiden, racing manager of Oxford Stadium, apologised for his non-attendance.

Having considered his explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Rayner be severely reprimanded and fined the sum of £1,000. In imposing this penalty, the Disciplinary Committee took into account the fact that Mr Rayner readily admitted the breaches, his previous exemplary record, and also the letters of support that he produced, without which the fine would have been considerably greater.

2. *Yarmouth Stadium – BALLYMAC BETTY – Professional Trainer Mrs A Kelly-Pilgrim

Professional Trainer Mrs Alison Kelly-Pilgrim was found in breach of rules 152 (i), 174 (i)(a), 215 and 217 of the GBGB rules of racing in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound BALLYMAC BETTY at Yarmouth Stadium on 22 November 2010 was analysed by LGC Ltd. as containing the presence of morphine; and that she administered a substance that could affect the performance and/or well being of the greyhound; by the feeding of bread containing poppy seeds.

Mrs Kelly-Pilgrim was in attendance. Mr William Johnson, racing manager of Yarmouth Stadium, apologised for his non-attendance.

Having considered her explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mrs Kelly-Pilgrim be cautioned and fined the sum of £400.

3. *Harlow Stadium – HAMMERS LAD – Professional Trainer Miss K Marlow

Professional Trainer Miss Kim Marlow was found in breach of rules 49 (iv), 152 (i), 174 (i) (a), 214 and 217 of the GBGB rules of racing in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound HAMMERS LAD at Harlow Stadium on 21 November 2010 was analysed by LGC Ltd. as containing the presence of Flunixin, and that she administered a substance that could affect the performance and/or well being of the greyhound; and, failed to use her best endeavours to ensure that the performance of the greyhound was to the satisfaction of the GRB.

Miss Marlow and Mr Mark Schellenburg, racing manager of Harlow Stadium, apologised for their non-attendance.

Having considered her written explanation together with the circumstances of the case and Miss Marlow's previous record, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Miss Marlow be made a disqualified person for 12 months and fined the sum of £1,000.

4. *Shawfield Stadium – BARNEY THE DEVIL – Professional Trainer Mr J Spence

Professional Trainer Mr John Spence was found in breach of rules 49 (iv), 152 (i), 174 (i) (a) and 217 of the GBGB rules of racing in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound BARNEY THE DEVIL at Shawfield Stadium on 21 October 2010 was analysed by LGC Ltd. as containing the presence of Boldione and Boldenone; and that he administered a substance that could affect the performance and/or well being of the greyhound; and, failed to use his best endeavours to ensure that the performance of the greyhound was to the satisfaction of the GRB.

Mr Spence and Mr Daniel Rankin, racing manager of Shawfield Stadium, apologised for their non-attendance.

Having considered his written explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Spence be reprimanded and fined the sum of £500. In imposing this penalty, the Disciplinary Committee took into account his exemplary record over 25 years as a trainer.

5. *Belle Vue Stadium – KHISANTH – Professional Trainer Mrs J McCombe

Professional Trainer Mrs J McCombe was found in breach of rules 174 (i) (b) and 217 of the GBGB rules of racing in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound KHISANTH at Belle Vue Stadium on 4 November 2010 was analysed by LGC Ltd. as containing the presence of Timolol .

Mrs McCombe was in attendance and accompanied by Mr Stephen Gray. Mr Bob Rowe, Chief Racing Manager of Belle Vue Stadium, was also in attendance.

Some of the GBGB rules of racing impose strict liability on the trainer or registered sales agent. Having considered Mrs McCombe's explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee made no order.

6. *Shawfield Stadium – SHAWFIELD – Greyhound Trainer Mr Thomas Clark

Greyhound Trainer Mr Thomas Clark was found in breach of rules 69A, 152 (i) & (ii) and 174 xii (a) of the GBGB rules of racing regarding the unauthorised withdrawal of the greyhound CASTLEVIEW LILLY from race 9 at Shawfield Stadium, and acting in an improper manner, on 24 December 2010.

Mr Clark was not in attendance. Mr Daniel Rankin, racing manager of Shawfield Stadium, apologised for his non-attendance.

Having considered his written explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Clark be severely reprimanded and fined £500 in respect of the unauthorised withdrawal and £500 in respect of acting in an improper manner, totalling £1,000.

The Disciplinary Committee wished to make it clear that it will not tolerate persons acting in an improper manner towards GBGB officers acting in an official capacity.