

### **Disciplinary Committee Inquiries**

The Disciplinary Committee of the GBGB were in attendance at a meeting held on 12 January 2010:

Mr K Salmon (in the chair)  
Mr R Coughlan  
Dr A Higgins  
Mr A Hunt

(\*denotes where a member did not sit due to possible conflict of interest)

#### **1. Nottingham Stadium – STRANGELY BLACK – Veterinary Surgeon Mr Gary Samuel**

Veterinary Surgeon Mr Gary Samuel was found in breach of rules 152 (i) and (ii) by reason for the withdrawal of the greyhound STRANGELY BLACK at Nottingham Stadium on 10 October 2009. Mr Samuel was not in attendance and having considered the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Samuel be disqualified indefinitely and fined £2,500. They also directed that Mr Samuel be reported to the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons regarding his conduct.

#### **2. Kinsley Stadium – LISNAKILL LUCA – Professional Trainer Mr Mark May**

Professional Trainer Mr Mark May was found in breach of rule 174 (i)(b) in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound LISNAKILL LUCA at Kinsley Stadium on 15 September 2009 was analysed by HFL Sports Science Laboratory as containing the drug stanozolol. Mr May was in attendance and having considered his explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr May be reprimanded and fined the sum of £200.

\*Dr Higgins did not sit in this Inquiry.

#### **3. Professional Trainer Mr Howard Mitchelson and Kennelhand Mr Stuart Tighe**

##### **Case 1**

Professional Trainer Mr Howard Mitchelson was found in breach of rules 49, 152 (i) & (ii) and 174 (v) of the GBGB rules of racing into the circumstances that led to the withdrawal of the greyhounds FATBOYZ ACE and BRIGHT SIDE at Newcastle Stadium on 27 October 2009 and the failure to keep registered greyhounds in licensed kennels. Mr Mitchelson was in attendance and having considered his explanation, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Mitchelson be disqualified for two years and fined £2,000.

Kennelhand Mr Stuart Tighe was found in breach of rules 152 (i) & (ii) and 174 (v) of the GBGB rules of racing into the circumstances that led to the withdrawal of the greyhounds FATBOYZ ACE and BRIGHT SIDE at Newcastle Stadium on 27 October 2009 and also his failure to keep registered

greyhounds in licensed kennels. The Disciplinary Committee, having considered his explanation, ordered that Mr Tighe be disqualified for six months and fined £500.

### Case 2

Professional Trainer Mr Howard Mitchelson was found in breach of rules 18, 152 (i) and (ii), 174 (xiv), 216 of the GBGB rules of racing into his failure to maintain kennel and treatment books in accordance with GBGB requirements and, his failure to comply with the written requirements of a veterinary surgeon on a transport certificate when transporting sick or injured greyhounds and, his failure to make acceptable arrangements for the retirement of greyhounds in his care. The Disciplinary Committee, having considered his explanation, ordered that Mr Mitchelson be disqualified for two years. This is to run consecutive with the two years imposed under Case 1 making a total of four years disqualification. He was also fined the sum of £2,000.

### Case 3

Professional Trainer Mr Howard Mitchelson was found in breach of rules 174 (xi), 216 of the GBGB rules of racing in respect of his treatment of the greyhound WITCHES PANSY caused or permitted the greyhound to be treated with cruelty or in such a manner as caused or likely to have caused the greyhound unnecessary suffering. Having considered his explanation, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that he be fined £500.