

Disciplinary Committee Inquiries

The Disciplinary Committee of the GBGB were in attendance at a meeting held on Tuesday, 13th April 2010:

Dr E Houghton (in the chair)
Mr J Akerman
Mr R Coughlan
Mr K Salmon

1. Harlow Stadium – HARLOW CAESAR – Professional Trainer Mr S Walsh

Professional Trainer Mr Sean Walsh was found in breach of rules 174 (i)(b) and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound HARLOW CAESAR at Harlow Stadium on the 12th December 2009 was analysed by HFL Sports Science Laboratory as containing substances that are consistent with them being metabolites of stanozolol. Mr Walsh was in attendance as was Mr O'Connor an owner of the greyhound. The Racing Manager Mr M Schellenberg apologised for his non-attendance. The Disciplinary Committee stated that some of the GBGB Rules of Racing impose strict liability on the trainer and having considered his explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Walsh be fined £200.

The Disciplinary Committee expressed the view that it would be extremely disappointed if as a result of this decision Mr Walsh's reputation would be put at risk.

2. Sittingbourne Stadium – Lenson Jimmy – Professional Trainer Mr A Collett

Professional Trainer Mr Anthony Collett was found in breach of rules 174(i)(b), 216 and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound LENSON JIMMY at Sittingbourne Stadium on the 1st December 2009 was analysed by HFL Sports Laboratory as containing substances that are consistent with them being metabolites of stanozolol. Mr Collett was in attendance and represented by his legal adviser, Mr Christopher Allnutt. Racing Manager Mr Jess Packer also attended. The Disciplinary Committee stated that some of the GBGB Rules of Racing impose strict liability on the trainer and

having considered his explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Collett be fined £200. In respect of the breach of rule 216, maintenance of treatment and kennel books, the Disciplinary Committee made no order.

The Disciplinary Committee expressed the view that it would be extremely disappointed if as a result of this decision that Mr Collett's reputation would be put at risk.

3. Aura Lea – Professional Trainer Mrs Caroline King

An allegation of neglect was made by Mrs Paula Clare against Professional Trainer Mrs Caroline King in respect of the greyhound Aura Lea. Mrs Caroline King was in attendance. Mrs Paula Clare apologised for her non attendance. The Disciplinary Committee having heard the evidence, after careful consideration, decided that there had been no breach of the rules of racing by Mrs King.