

Disciplinary Committee Inquiries

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

Dr A Higgins (in the chair)

Mr A Hunt

Mr R Woodworth

Mr K Salmon

1. Sunderland Stadium – Former Racing Manager Mr J Nunn

The Disciplinary Committee were not satisfied that they had sufficient evidence before them to continue hearing the case and this was adjourned for further enquiries to be made.

2. Kinsley Stadium – Professional Trainer – Mr S Carrington

Professional Trainer Mr Steven Carrington was found in breach of rules 152(i) & (ii), 174(iv) and 216; inspections by the area stipendiary steward at Mr Carrington's licensed kennels on 15 and 19 March 2010 revealed a number of greyhounds that were due to participate at race meetings at Kinsley Stadium on March 19, 20 and 21 were not accounted for and were found to be kennelled at premises not licensed by the GBGB. This led to the withdrawal of those greyhounds from race meetings at Kinsley Stadium on the 19, 20 and 21 March.

Mr Carrington was in attendance as was Mr John Curran the Racecourse Executive and Authorised Representative for Kinsley Stadium. The Disciplinary Committee having heard the evidence and having considered his explanation in reaching their decision thanked Mr Carrington for his frankness and acknowledged his assurance that this would not happen again. The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Carrington be cautioned and fined the sum of £300.

3. Perry Barr Stadium -Mallogs Bruce – Sales Agent Mr M Ryan

Sales Agent Mr Mathew Ryan was found in breach of rules 152(i) & (ii), 174 (i)(b) and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound MALLOGS BRUCE at Perry Barr Stadium on the 29th March 2010 was analysed by HFL Sports Science Laboratory as containing quinine. Mr Ryan did not attend. The Racing Manager Mr Martin Seal was present. The Disciplinary Committee stated that having considered his explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Ryan be disqualified for 12 months and fined the sum of £600.

4. Perry Barr Stadium – Marions Bond -Racecourse Executive and Professional Trainer Mr S Donnelly

Perry Barr Racecourse Executive was found in breach of rules 152(i) & (ii) and Professional Trainer Mr Stephen Donnelly was found in breach of rules 152(i) & (ii) in relation to the circumstances that led to the greyhound MARIONS BOND having raced on the evening of 17 April being left overnight in the kennels at Perry Barr Stadium.

Mr Martin Seal represented the Racecourse Executive and Mr Stephen Donnelly was also in attendance. Having considered their explanations the Disciplinary Committee stated that this was a serious case and there had been potential welfare implications and carelessness by both parties. The Disciplinary Committee acknowledged Mr Seals explanation that procedures had been put in place to prevent any further occurrence. The Disciplinary Committee also acknowledged Mr Donnelly's admission of responsibility for what had occurred and his assurance that he would not let this happen again.

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that the Racecourse Executive be reprimanded and fined the sum of £1000 and Mr Donnelly be reprimanded and fined the sum of £600.