

Disciplinary Committee Inquiries

The Disciplinary Committee of the GBGB were in attendance at a meeting held on Thursday, 14 October 2010:-

Mr R Woodworth (in the chair)

Mr J Akerman

Dr A Higgins *(sitting in advisory capacity as chair of the Doping & Medication Advisory Panel (DMAP))

Mr K Salmon

1. *Brighton Stadium – KNOCKDERK VIEW – Professional Trainer Mrs T Tungatt

Professional Trainer Mrs Toni Tungatt was found in breach of rules 49 (iv), 152 (i), 174 (i) (b) and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound KNOCKDERK VIEW at Brighton Stadium on 28 June 2010 was analysed by HFL Sports Science Laboratory as containing a metabolite of ethylestrenol; and the administration of any substance that could affect the performance and/or well being of the greyhound; and, not using her best endeavours to ensure that the performance of the greyhound was to the satisfaction of the GRB.

Mrs Tungatt was in attendance and was accompanied by her husband. The racing manager of Brighton Stadium, Mr Peter Miller, apologised for his non-attendance. Having considered Mrs Tungatt's explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that she be severely reprimanded and fined £750.

The Disciplinary Committee expressed their concern about the previous breaches of the rules for drugs albeit, at a distance, 9 and 11 years ago and stated that they did not wish to see Mrs Tungatt coming before them again.

2. *Poole Stadium – BEANOS WHITE SOX – Professional Mrs A Keppie

Professional Trainer Mrs Alma Keppie was found in breach of rules 174 (i)(b) and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound BEANOS WHITE SOX at Poole Stadium on 15 June 2010 was analysed by HFL Sports Science Laboratory as containing the drug 19-norepiandrosterone and 19-noretiocholanolone (Nandrolone).

Mrs Keppie was in attendance together with joint Registered Owners Messrs M Keane and M Edwards. The joint racing manager of Poole Stadium, Mr Ian Sillence, apologised for his non attendance. Having considered Mrs Keppie's explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that she be fined £200.

Notwithstanding the strict liability established by rules 174 (i)(b) and 217, in the context of the Disciplinary Committee being convinced that the prohibited substance had been administered to the greyhound in Ireland by its Irish trainer, it wished it to be recorded that it would be disappointed if Mrs Keppie's reputation was put at risk and that this incident was an unfortunate occurrence.

3. *Belle Vue Stadium – WICKLOW DROP – Professional Trainer Mr R Fielding

Professional Trainer Mr Richard Fielding was found in breach of rules 174 (i)(b) and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound WICKLOW DROP at Belle Vue Stadium on 27 May 2010 was analysed by HFL Sports Science Laboratory as containing metabolites of stanozolol.

Mr Fielding was in attendance together with Chief Racing Manager of Belle Vue Stadium, Mr Bob Rowe. Having considered Mr Fielding's explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that he be fined £300.

The Disciplinary Committee expressed its concern about the frequency with which positive samples showed use of the drug stanozolol but accepted the explanation as to what had happened in this case and took into account Mr Fielding's exemplary record over 30 years. It therefore felt that a fine of £300 was appropriate.

The Disciplinary Committee expressed the view that it was important that the problem posed by the use of stanozolol was tackled. The DoR commented that the GBGB regard anabolic steroids as a serious blight on the sport which is currently being addressed through the Doping & Medication Advisory Panel (DMAP) which was set up following the recent Report of the Independent Anti-Doping & Medication Control Review chaired by Dr Andrew Higgins.

4. *Belle Vue Stadium – MOORLAND BREEZE – Professional Trainer Mr M Cutler

Professional Trainer Mr Martin Cutler was found in breach of rules 49 (iv), 152 (i) & (ii), 174 (i)(a), 214 and 217 of the GBGB rules of racing in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound MOORLAND BREEZE at Belle Vue Stadium on 15 July 2010 was analysed by HFL Sports Science Laboratory as containing the drug heptaminol; and the administration of any substance that could affect the performance and/or well being of the greyhound; and, not using your best endeavours to ensure that the performance of the greyhound was to the satisfaction of the GRB.

Mr Cutler was in attendance together with Chief Racing Manager of Belle Vue Stadium, Mr Bob Rowe. Having considered Mr Cutler's explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that he be severely reprimanded and fined £750.

The Disciplinary Committee expressed the view to Mr Cutler as a young trainer who had recently started a new career at Sheffield that he had to learn from this breach and they did not wish to see him coming before them again.