

Disciplinary Committee Inquiries

The Disciplinary Committee of the GBGB were in attendance at a meeting held on Thursday 15th July 2010:-

Dr E Houghton (in the chair)

Mr J Akerman

Mr R Coughlan

Mr R Woodworth

1. Sheffield Stadium – Oohtoba, Professional Trainer Mrs CA Evans, Kennel hand and owner Mr NC Holmes, Former Kennel hand Mr R Evans

The Disciplinary Committee expressed the view that there were serious grounds for this case to be brought before the Disciplinary Committee by the GBGB with regard to upholding the integrity of the sport of greyhound racing whilst Mrs Evans's licence was suspended.

The Disciplinary Committee found Professional Trainer Mrs Carol Evans in breach of rules 152(i) and (ii) and 174 (xiii) in that she had aided and abetted the commission of a breach of the GBGB rules, unwittingly or otherwise, in relation to races on diverse dates at Sheffield Stadium. Kennel hand and registered owner Mr Neil Holmes was found in breach of rules 152(i) and (ii), 174(v) and 184(b) in respect of the laying of greyhounds under the care or control of the trainer to whom he is licensed as a kennel hand and the laying of any greyhound in his ownership in races at Sheffield Stadium on diverse dates and the partial concealment of these betting activities through a third party account.

Mrs Carol Evans and Mr Neil Holmes were in attendance and having considered their explanations together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mrs Evans be fined the sum of £300 and that her licence be reinstated with effect from 16th July 2010. In respect of Mr Holmes, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that he be fined the sum of £5,000 and disqualified for a period of 12 months.

No order was made against former kennel hand Mr Raymond Evans who did not attend the hearing.

The Committee thanked Betfair for their co-operation and assistance throughout the investigation and for providing a representative to attend the hearing.

2. Oxford Stadium – No Chance – Professional Trainer Mr T Kibble

Professional Trainer Mr Terry Kibble was found in breach of rules 49(iv), 152(i) and (ii), 174 (i)(a), 215 and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound NO CHANCE at Oxford Stadium on 26th

March 2010 was analysed by HFL Sports Science Laboratory as containing morphine. Mr Kibble did not attend. The Disciplinary Committee having considered his explanation together with the circumstances of the case ordered that Mr Kibble be reprimanded and fined £500.

3. Poole Stadium – Sniper Cody – Greyhound Trainer Mr MR Martin

Professional Trainer Mr Mervyn Martin was found in breach of rules 174 (i)(b) and 217 in that two urine samples taken from the greyhound SNIPER CODY at Poole Stadium on 10th and 19th April 2010 were analysed by HFL Sports Science Laboratory as containing substances that are consistent with them being metabolites of stanozolol. Mr Mervyn Martin did not attend and was represented by kennel hand Mr Matthew Martin.

The Disciplinary Committee stated that some of the GBGB Rules of Racing impose a strict liability on the trainer and having considered Mr Mervyn Martin's explanation together with the circumstances of the case ordered that he be fined £200.

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