

Disciplinary Committee Inquiries

The Disciplinary Committee of the GBGB were in attendance at a meeting held on 16 September 2010:-

Mr J Akerman (in the chair)
Mr R Coughlan
Dr A Higgins*
Mr A Hunt
Mr R Woodworth

(*denotes where a member did not sit)

1. Portsmouth Stadium – Mr E Graham

Former promoter Mr Eric Graham was found in breach of rules 93 (i), 152 (i) and (ii), 174 (xiv) (a) and (b) in relation to the non payment of prize money by Portsmouth Greyhound Stadium Ltd for the month of March 2010.

The Disciplinary Committee expressed its sympathy for those trainers affected by the closure of Portsmouth Stadium and noted that the British Greyhound Racing Fund had generously agreed to pay in full prize money owed to all affected trainers.

Mr Graham was not in attendance and having considered the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Graham be disqualified indefinitely and fined £5,000.

2. * Poole Stadium – PENNYS ROONEY – Greyhound Trainer Mr N Cox

Greyhound Trainer Mr Nigel Cox was found in breach of rules 49 (iv), 152 (i) and (ii), 174 (i)(a), 216 and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound PENNYS ROONEY at Poole Stadium on 14 May 2010 was analysed by HFL Sport Science Laboratory as containing the drugs diazepam and quinine; and the administration of any substance that could affect the performance and/or well being of the greyhound and, not using his best endeavours to ensure that the performance of the greyhound was to the satisfaction of the GRB.

Both Mr Cox and Mr Ian Sillence, Joint Racing Manager at Poole Stadium, apologised for their non-attendance. Having considered Mr Cox's written explanation, that he had administered an unknown substance to the greyhound, and his mitigation, together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee expressed the view that this was a serious breach of the Rules of Racing and jeopardised the welfare of the greyhound and the reputation of the sport. The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Cox be severely reprimanded and fined £750.

3. * Wimbledon Stadium – LYREEN MOVER – International Trainer Mr G Tenczel

International Trainer Mr Gabor Tenczel was found in breach of rules 49 (iv), 152 (i), 174 (i)(b), and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound LYREEN MOVER at Wimbledon Stadium on 29 May 2010 was analysed by HFL Sport Science Laboratory as containing the drug morphine; and not using his best endeavours to ensure that the performance of the greyhound was to the satisfaction of the GRB

Mr Tenczel was in attendance, supported by registered owner Mr M Picinelli. Mr Gary Matthews, Racing Manager at Wimbledon Stadium, apologised for his non-attendance. The Disciplinary Committee thanked both Mr Tenczel and Mr Picinelli for attending and giving evidence. Having considered Mr Tenczel's explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Tenczel be reprimanded and fined £500.

The Disciplinary Committee confirmed that in accordance with Rules 173 (ii) and 95, the greyhound LYREEN MOVER was disqualified from the race in question.

4. * Sunderland Stadium – Mr J Nunn (this inquiry had been adjourned from 13th July)

Former Racing Manager Mr James Nunn was found in breach of rules 152 (i) & (ii) and 184 (a) in that, whilst employed as a licensed official at Sunderland Stadium, he placed bets on races that took place at Sunderland Stadium on 5 March 2010.

Mr Nunn and Mr J. O'Donnell Authorised Representative of Sunderland Stadium apologised for their apologised non-attendance . The Disciplinary Committee, having considered his written explanation and the circumstances of the case, ordered that Mr Nunn be disqualified indefinitely from holding a GBGB licence. The Committee decided not to impose a financial penalty.

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