

Disciplinary Committee Inquiries

The Disciplinary Committee of the GBGB were in attendance at a meeting held on 20 January 2011:-

Mr J Akerman (Chair)

Mr K Salmon

Mr R Coughlan

1. Perry Barr Stadium – GERALDINE LADY – Sales Agent Mr C Hayes

Sales Agent Mr Christopher Hayes was found in breach of rules 174 (i) (b) and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound GERALDINE LADY at Perry Barr Stadium on 20 September 2010 was analysed by HFL Sports Science Laboratory as containing substances consistent with metabolites of nandrolone.

Mr Hayes was in attendance. The racing manager Mr Martin Seal apologised for his non-attendance.

Some of the GBGB rules of racing impose strict liability on the trainer or registered agent. Having considered Mr Hayes' explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that he be cautioned.

The Disciplinary Committee concluded that the positive sample arose from circumstances which were largely outside Mr Hayes' control. They noted the statement from Eugene Buckley, of Athy, Co. Kildare (the former trainer of GERALDINE LADY), in which he accepted responsibility for administering laurabolin.

The Disciplinary Committee acknowledged Mr Hayes' appearance at the hearing in his own time and at his own expense and thanked him for attending and giving evidence before the Disciplinary Committee.

2. Perry Barr Stadium – SPRUCE AMBER – Sales Agent Mr S Sheehan

Sales Agent Mr Steve Sheehan was found in breach of rules 174 (i) (b) and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound SPRUCE AMBER at Perry Barr Stadium on 20 September 2010 was analysed by HFL Sports Science Laboratory as containing substances consistent with metabolites of nandrolone.

Mr Sheehan and racing manager Mr Martin Seal apologised for their non-attendance.

Some of the GBGB rules of racing impose strict liability on the trainer or registered agent. Having considered Mr Sheehan's written explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that he be cautioned and fined £250.

3. Perry Barr Stadium – CATUNDA EILEEN – Sales Agent Mr J Franklin

Sales Agent Mr John Franklin was found in breach of rules 174 (i) (b) and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound CATUNDA EILEEN at Perry Barr Stadium on 20 September 2010 was analysed by HFL Sports Science Laboratory as containing substances consistent with metabolites of nandrolone.

Mr Franklin and racing manager Mr Martin Seal apologised for their non-attendance.

Some of the GBGB rules of racing impose strict liability on the trainer or registered agent. Having considered Mr Franklin's written explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that he be cautioned and fined £250.

In imposing the penalty, the Disciplinary Committee took into account the statement of Rita Downey of Drogheda, Co. Louth, in which she accepted responsibility for administering Primolut, a season suppressant, in Ireland.

4. Crayford Stadium – MONLEEK DAZLER / PRINCESS ORLAITH – Sales Agent Mr B Mooney

Sales Agent Mr Barney Mooney was found in breach of rules 174 (i) (b) and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound MONLEEK DAZLER at Crayford Stadium on 1 September 2010 was analysed by HFL Sports Science Laboratory as containing substances consistent with metabolites of norethisterone; and a urine sample taken from the greyhound PRINCESS ORLAITH at Crayford Stadium on 1 September 2010 was analysed by HFL Sports Science Laboratory as containing substances consistent with metabolites of nandrolone.

Mr Mooney and racing manager Mr Danny Rayment apologised for their non-attendance. Sales Organiser Mr Brian Harrison was in attendance.

Some of the GBGB rules of racing impose strict liability on the trainer or registered agent. Having considered Mr Mooney's written explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that he be cautioned and fined £250.