

Disciplinary Committee Inquiries

The Disciplinary Committee of the GBGB were in attendance at a meeting held on 13 December 2012:-

Mr R Woodworth CBE (in the chair)
Mr R Coughlan
Dr E Houghton
Dr AJ Higgins*

(*denotes where Dr Higgins was present in an advisory capacity as Independent Doping & Medication Adviser)

1. APPLICATIONS

MR A PASFIELD

The above matter was adjourned to another date at a request from Mr Pasfield who was unable to attend.

MR I GULLEFER

The Disciplinary Committee considered an application received from Mr I Gullefer and as the Director of Regulation offered no objection the Committee agreed to lift a warning off ban

2. *Oxford Stadium – CROSSFIELD JACK – Professional Trainer Mr D Lee

Professional Trainer David Lee was found in breach of rules 174 (i)(a) and 217 of the GBGB Rules of Racing in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound CROSSFIELD JACK at Oxford Stadium on 22 September 2012 was analysed by LGC Health Sciences as containing the presence of a metabolite of 19-norethisterone, namely, 5 α -estran-17 α -ethynyl-3 β , 17 β -diol; and that he allowed a substance to be administered that could affect the performance and/or well being of the greyhound.

Mr Lee was in attendance. Colin Betteridge, area stipendiary steward, was also in attendance. Gary Baiden, racing manager of Oxford Stadium, apologised for his non-attendance.

Having considered Mr Lee's explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that he be reprimanded and fined £250. The Committee noted that trainers must be made aware of the restrictions applied by the Veterinary

Medicines Directorate in allowing norethisterone to be prescribed by veterinary surgeons under the cascade but only for greyhound bitches. Great care must be taken by trainers to ensure norethisterone tablets are not ingested by male greyhounds.

3. **HIGHGATE STADIUM – FORMER GREYHOUND TRAINER MR PC THWAITES**

Former greyhound trainer Paul Thwaites was found in breach of rules 152 (i) & (ii) and 174 (ix) of the GBGB Rules of Racing in relation to his involvement in the running of Highgate Independent Greyhound Stadium.

Mr Thwaites was not in attendance. Clive Carr, investigating officer, was in attendance.

Having considered Mr Thwaites's written explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that he be warned off indefinitely.

4. **Belle Vue Stadium – MONLEEK ROCKING – Professional Trainer Mr A Heyes**

Professional Trainer Andrew Heyes was found in breach of rules 49 (iv) and 152 (ii) of the GBGB Rules of Racing into the improved performance of the greyhound MONLEEK ROCKING at Belle Vue Stadium on 4 August 2012; and that he failed to use his best endeavours to ensure that the performance of the greyhound was to the satisfaction of the GRB.

Mr Heyes was in attendance. Bob Rowe, racing manager of Belle Vue Stadium, and Alex McTaggart, area stipendiary steward, were also in attendance.

Having considered Mr Heyes's explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the disciplinary committee ordered that he be cautioned and fined £250.

5. **Peterborough Stadium – KIPPERS LUCKY – Professional Trainer Mr A Alden**

Professional Trainer Max Alden was found in breach of rules 49 (iv), 152 (i) & (ii), 173 (v) and 174 (xiv) (b) of the GBGB Rules of Racing into the improved performance of the greyhound KIPPERS LUCKY at Peterborough Stadium on 29 September 2012; his failure to use his best endeavours to ensure that the performance of the greyhound was to the satisfaction of the GRB; and his refusal of a blood sample to be taken from the greyhound KIPPERS LUCKY at Peterborough Stadium on 29 September 2012 after a urine sample could not be taken.

Mr Alden was in attendance. Con Baker, authorised representative and Paul Miller, racing manager of Peterborough Stadium, were also in attendance.

Having considered Mr Alden's explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the disciplinary committee ordered that he be disqualified for 12 months but this sanction will be suspended for 12 months, and fined £1,000.

The Committee wishes to emphasise in the strongest possible terms its deep concern at this breach which potentially affects the fundamental integrity of racing. Trainers must be quite

clear that a most serious view will be taken in future if any trainer for whatever reason refuses to allow a sample to be taken from a greyhound racing under rules.