

### **Disciplinary Committee Inquiries**

The Disciplinary Committee of the GBGB were in attendance at a meeting held on 18 December 2012:-

Mr K Salmon (in the chair)  
Mr R Coughlan  
Mr A Hunt  
Dr AJ Higgins\*

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

#### 1. **\*Wimbledon Stadium – LENNYS LUBO – Professional Trainer Mr R Rees - Continuation of Inquiry**

Professional Trainer Richard Rees was found in breach of rule 174(i)(b) of the GBGB Rules of Racing in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound LENNYS LUBO at Wimbledon stadium on 4 July 2012 was analysed by LGC Health Sciences as containing the presence of hydroxyl stanozolol; which is a metabolite of stanozolol.

Mr Rees was in attendance and represented by John Haynes, GBGB Director. Colin Betteridge, area stipendiary steward, Gary Matthews, racing manager of Wimbledon stadium, and Simon Biddell, LGC Health Sciences, were present. The Greyhound Regulatory Board (GRB) was represented by counsel, Louis Weston and James Eighteen.

In this case on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012 Mr Rees was found in breach of rules 152(i)&(ii) and 174(i)(a) of the GBGB rules of racing for which he was severely reprimanded and fined £1,250.

That decision was made in light of expert scientific evidence to the effect that the level of the stanozolol metabolite in the race day sample was greater than the POR sample leading us to conclude that there had been a further administration of stanozolol after the POR sample had been taken.

New evidence has been put before the Committee today which proves conclusively that the POR sample was the stronger. In those circumstances the decision made on 25<sup>th</sup> September cannot stand and the Committee discharged both the findings we made in respect of those breaches and the penalty imposed.

GRB invited the Committee to consider only the breach made under rule 174(i)(b) which imposes strict liability. Mr Rees accepted he was in breach of that rule.

Mr Weston on behalf of the GRB invited the Committee to deal with Mr Rees on the basis that he did not know and he had no basis to know of any administration of stanozolol prior to the race day test. We unhesitatingly accept that no blame whatsoever attaches to Mr Rees.

We also accept that the decision of 25<sup>th</sup> September has caused damage to Mr Rees's business and his professional reputation as a result of which he has suffered considerable stress and anxiety.

The Disciplinary Committee, having considered all the circumstances order that no further action be taken in respect of the breach of rule 174(i)(b).

## **2. \*Romford Stadium – KICK ON HARRY – Professional Trainer Miss M Lucas**

Professional Trainer Margaret Lucas was found in breach of rule 174(i)(b) and 217 of the GBGB Rules of Racing in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound KICK ON HARRY at Romford Stadium on 21 August 2012 was analysed by LGC Health Sciences as containing the presence of two metabolites of nandrolone namely, 19-noretiocholanolone and 19-norepiandrosterone.

Miss Lucas was in attendance. Simon Gower, GBGB veterinary director, Adrian Smith, area stipendiary steward, Clive Carr, investigating officer, Peter O'Dowd, racing manager, and David MacDonald, authorised representative of Romford Stadium, were present.

KICK ON HARRY ran in a solo trial recording a calculated time of 24.93 secs. The local stewards were satisfied with the performance of the greyhound.

The Committee noted that the 'point of registration' sample, taken from KICK ON HARRY on 09 August 2012 had subsequently been tested by LGC Health Sciences and had also identified the presence of 19-noretiocholanolone and 19-norepiandrosterone.

The Disciplinary Committee noted the written admission by Mr Michael Delahunty from Waterford, Ireland, a former trainer of KICK ON HARRY, that Laurabolin (a proprietary product containing nandrolone) was administered by a person he believed to be a veterinary surgeon, as a treatment for acidosis, whilst the greyhound was in his care. The Committee had serious reservations about the authenticity of this evidence.

The Committee accepted that Miss Lucas did not administer nandrolone nor did she have any knowledge in the administration of nandrolone to this greyhound. However, the greyhound was in her charge and rule 174 (i)(b) imposes strict liability on the trainer. In imposing the penalty the Committee took into account the unblemished record over 27 years and the reference given on her behalf by Mr O'Dowd the racing manager at Romford stadium.

The Disciplinary Committee, having considered the explanation together with the circumstances of the case, found Miss Lucas in breach of rules 174(i)(b) and 217 and ordered that she be cautioned but imposed no further penalty.