

CALENDAR NOTICE (to be published 26 September 2014)

Disciplinary Committee Inquiries

The Disciplinary Committee of the GBGB were in attendance at a meeting held on 18 September 2014:-

Dr AJ Higgins (in the chair)

Mr R Woodworth CBE

Mr A Hunt

Mr H Starte (observing)

1. Henlow Stadium – HARRYS QUEEN

The evidence having been heard, the Committee adjourned the conclusion of the Inquiry to a later date when the decision will be announced.

2. Professional Trainer Miss Joy Andrews / Former Licensed Kennelhand Mr Michael Lanaghan

Professional Trainer Joy Andrews was found in breach of rules 9(i),49(i)(a) & (b), 152 (i) & (ii), 174 (v) of the GBGB Rules of Racing into:

- (a) the employment, on or before 15th April 2014, of Mr Michael Lanaghan as a kennelhand when not licensed by the Greyhound Board of Great Britain in such capacity,
- (b) that Miss Andrews was fully cognisant of the fact that the Director of Regulation had refused Mr Lanaghan a kennelhand licence on 31 January 2014; and
- (c) that Miss Andrews allowed greyhounds in her care to fall out of her control, or the control of a kennelhand licensed in respect of her kennels.

Former licensed kennelhand Michael Lanaghan was found in breach of rules 9 (i),49 (i)(b), 152 (i) & (ii), 174 (v) of the GBGB Rules of Racing in that:

- (a) That Mr Lanaghan took employment, on or before 15th April 2014, as a kennelhand with Professional Trainer Miss Joy Andrews when not licensed to do so by the Greyhound Board of Great Britain,
- (b) that Mr Lanaghan was fully cognisant of the fact that he was refused a kennelhand licence by the Director of Regulation on 31 January 2014; and
- (c) that Mr Lanaghan assumed responsibility of greyhounds in the care of Professional Trainer Miss Joy Andrews when not licensed to do so.

Both Miss Andrews and Mr Lanaghan were in attendance. Clive Carr, Investigating officer and Paul Illingworth, Senior Stipendiary Steward were also present.

The breaches were admitted. Mitigation was heard from both parties and a letter of support on behalf of Miss Andrews and Mr Lanaghan from Mr A Grimshaw considered. The Disciplinary Committee gave due credit to both parties for attending the hearing and admitting the breaches of the Rules of Racing. The Disciplinary Committee also took into account the previous good record of Mr Lanaghan. The Disciplinary Committee noted the previous breaches of Miss Andrews but decided that as the breaches were not recent nor of the same character as that alleged here they would on this occasion not take account of them.

The Disciplinary Committee was satisfied that both parties were aware that they had deliberately breached the rules and had clearly expressed their intention not to repeat the offences. The Committee commented that they hoped not to see either party before them again. For the breaches they ordered that Miss Andrews be severely reprimanded and fined £250. Mr Lanaghan was reprimanded and fined £150.