

Disciplinary Committee Inquiries

The Disciplinary Committee of the GBGB were in attendance at a meeting held on Monday, 16 March 2009:

Miss C Kershaw MA (in the Chair)
Dr E Houghton
Mr R Coughlan
Mr R Woodworth
Mr K Salmon
Mr A Hunt

1. Perry Barr Stadium – LOST MEMORY - Professional Trainer Mrs E V Gordon

Professional Trainer Mrs Elaine Gordon was found in breach of rules 49 (iv), 152 (i) & (ii), 174 (i)(a), 216 and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound LOST MEMORY at Perry Barr Stadium on 7 September 2008 was analysed by HFL as containing the drug Ibuprofen. Mrs Gordon was not in attendance and having considered her explanation together with the circumstances of the case found that she administered a substance that could affect the performance and/or well being of the greyhound. The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mrs Gordon be reprimanded and fined £400.

2. Perry Barr Stadium – ZAX WREN - Professional Trainer Mrs E V Gordon and Racecourse Executive

Professional Trainer Mrs Elaine Gordon was found in breach of rules 69A, 152 (i) & (ii) in that the greyhound ZAX WREN was withdrawn at Perry Barr Stadium on 16 October 2008 contrary to the Rules of Racing. Mrs Gordon was not in attendance and having considered her written explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mrs Gordon be reprimanded and fined £400. Mrs Carol Chown-Smith, the authorised representative of the Racecourse Executive, was in attendance and having considered the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee accepted the Racecourse Executive's explanation.

3. Perry Barr Stadium – RACKETHALL TOUCH - Professional Trainer Mrs E V Gordon

Professional Trainer Mrs Elaine Gordon was found in breach of rules 18, 152 (i) & (ii) and 174 (xi) in that the greyhound RACKETHALL TOUCH when re-homed on 5 October 2008 was found to be in poor condition. Mrs Gordon was not in attendance and having considered her written explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that she be severely reprimanded and find £800.

4. Perry Barr Stadium – SEANS BYPASS - Professional Trainer Miss S J Whitehouse

The Disciplinary Committee considered a case involving the poor condition of the greyhound SEANS BYPASS when re-homed to the Perry Barr RGT Kennels on 27 September 2008. Miss Susan Whitehouse attended the Inquiry and the Disciplinary Committee, having considered her explanation and the circumstances of the case, accepted Miss Whitehouse's explanation.

5. Sheffield Stadium – ROMAN PRINCE – Professional Trainer Mr P Liddle and Kennelhand Mr J Priestley

Professional Trainer Mr Paul Liddle was found in breach of rules 152 (i) & (ii), 174 (i)(b) and 217; and Kennelhand Mr John Priestley was found in breach of rules 152 (i) & (ii), 174 (i)(a) and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound ROMAN PRINCE at Sheffield Stadium on 13 October 2008 was analysed by HFL as containing the drug Stanozolol. Neither Mr Liddle or Mr Priestly were in attendance. Having considered the explanations, together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Liddle be severely reprimanded and fined £700 and Mr Priestley be reprimanded and fined £500.

6. Kinsley Stadium – KYLEMORE TURK – Greyhound Trainer Mr C Armitage and Kennelhand Miss K Armitage

Greyhound Trainer Mr Craig Armitage and Kennelhand Miss Katie Armitage were found in breach of rules 152 (i), 174 (i)(b) and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound KYLEMORE TURK at Kinsley Stadium on 5 September 2008 was analysed by HFL as containing the drug Benzoylcgonine. Neither Mr Armitage or Miss Armitage were in attendance and having considered his written explanation, together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Armitage be severely reprimanded and find £500; Miss Armitage be reprimanded and fined £250.

7. Pelaw Grange Stadium – BEDROCK BULLET – Greyhound Trainer Mrs A McCarroll

Greyhound Trainer Mrs Ann McCarroll was found to be in breach of rules 152 (i) & (ii), 174 (i)(a) and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound BEDROCK BULLET at Pelaw Grange Stadium on 4 August 2008 was analysed by HFL as containing the drug Flunixin. Mrs McCarroll was not in attendance and having considered her written explanation, together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that she be reprimanded and fined £400.