

Disciplinary Committee Inquiries

The Disciplinary Committee of the GBGB were in attendance at a meeting held on 19 November 2009:-

Mr J Akerman(In the Chair)
Dr E Houghton
Mr R Coughlan
Mr K Salmon

1. Crayford Stadium – TOBYS BACK – Professional Trainer Mr M Dartnall

Professional Trainer Mr Matthew Dartnall was found in breach of rules 174 (i) (b) and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound TOBYS BACK at Crayford Stadium on 17 July 2009 had been analysed by HFL as containing the drug Lidocaine. Mr Dartnall was in attendance, represented by his solicitor, Mr J Lee and having considered his explanation together with the circumstances of the case the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Dartnall be reprimanded and fined £300.

(Dr Houghton did not sit as a member due to possible conflict of interest)

2. Coventry Stadium – ICED GEM – Professional Trainer Mr J Davies (Re-opened Inquiry)

In considering additional evidence at the re-opened Inquiry which had not been available at the original hearing on 2 June 2009, the Disciplinary Committee upheld the original penalty (In breach of Rules 152(i), 174(i)(a) and 217; Fined £1,250 and severely reprimanded). Mr John Davies was in attendance.

(Dr Houghton did not sit as a member due to possible conflict of interest)

3. Portsmouth Stadium – BEL AIR DEANO/VIOLA STORM – Racecourse Executive, Professional Trainer Mr A Loveridge and Kennelhand Mr M Loveridge

Professional Trainer Mr Anthony (Tony) Loveridge was found in breach of rules 115 (ii); Kennelhand Mr Martin Loveridge was found in breach of rules 115 (i) and 152 (i) & (ii); The Racecourse Executive was found in breach of rules 40, 102A, 115 (i), (ii) & (iii) and 152 (i) & (ii); in respect of the circumstances that allowed greyhound BEL AIR DEANO to run as VIOLA STORM from trap 4 in race 12 at Portsmouth Stadium on 27 June 2009.

The authorised representative of Portsmouth Stadium, Mr Eric Graham; Professional Trainer Mr A Loveridge and his Kennelhand Mr M Loveridge were in attendance.

Having considered the explanations together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Racecourse Executive be severely reprimanded and fined £1,250; Mr A Loveridge was cautioned, as the trainer he was responsible for the actions of his Kennelhand; Mr M Loveridge was reprimanded and fined £250.