



Disciplinary Committee Inquiries

The Disciplinary Committee of the GBGB were in attendance at a meeting held on Tuesday, 8 June 2010:-

Mr J Akerman (in the Chair)

Mr R Coughlan

Mr A Hunt

Mr K Salmon

1. Appeal - Miss Betty Warden – Application for a Greyhound Trainer’s Licence

The Disciplinary Committee heard an application from Miss Warden for a greyhound trainer’s licence. It was brought to their attention that Miss Warden had previously been made a ‘warned off person’ and this was recorded by way of a Calendar Notice on 25 July 2005. The Director of Regulation had recently refused her application for a greyhound trainer’s licence. Miss Warden was represented by her solicitor Mr Julian Lee. Mr Lee outlined the facts that led to her conviction on 10 May 2005 at Cambridge Crown Court where Miss Warden pleaded guilty to: Conspiracy to supply cannabis resin: simple possession of cocaine: simple possession of amphetamine. Miss Warden was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment of which she served 6 months.

Having heard from Mr Lee and the Director of Regulation, the Disciplinary Committee refused her application for a GBGB licence and ordered that Miss Warden remained a ‘warned off person’.

2. Yarmouth Stadium – DUNMURRY SUGAR – Greyhound Trainer Mr A McDermott

Greyhound Trainer Mr Anthony McDermott was found in breach of rules 152 (i), 174 (i)(b), and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound DUNMURRY SUGAR at Yarmouth Stadium on 18 January 2010 was analysed by HFL Sports Science Laboratory as containing a metabolite of the drug Azaperone,

Mr McDermott was in attendance and having considered his explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee, taking into consideration his unblemished record, ordered that Mr McDermott be reprimanded and fined £400.

3. **Shawfield Stadium – DROOPYS DEL SOL (nka TAYLORS RIVIERA) – Greyhound Trainer Mr E Soppitt/Greyhound Trainer Mr C Lund**

The Disciplinary Committee recorded that this had been an extremely difficult case to determine, however, they carefully considered the evidence presented and had determined as follows on the balance of probability.

Greyhound Trainer Mr Edward (Ted) Soppitt was found in breach of rules 174 (i)(b) and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound DROOPYS DEL SOL (nka TAYLORS RIVIERA) at Shawfield Stadium on 30 January 2010 was analysed by HFL Sports Science Laboratory as containing the drug Methylprednisolone,

Greyhound Trainer Mr Christopher Lund was found in breach of rules 152 (i) and 174 (i)(a), as above plus the administration of any substance that could affect the performance and/or well being of the greyhound.

Both Mr Soppitt and Mr Lund were in attendance and having considered their explanations together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Soppitt be reprimanded and fined £250; Mr Lund was reprimanded and fined £500.

4. Professional Trainer Mr R Paterson

Professional Trainer Mr Ronald Paterson was found in breach of rules, 152 (i) and 212 (xx) in that on diverse dates between 2008 and 2010 he failed to provide adequate overnight supervision at his kennels.

Mr Paterson was in attendance and having considered his explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Paterson's licence be suspended from 14 June 2010 for 6 weeks pending a favourable report from the Area Stipendiary Steward that Mr Paterson is discharging his responsibilities under the rules of racing with regard to overnight supervision at his kennels.

5. **Shawfield Stadium – RONALDOS GOAL –Greyhound Trainer Mr A McCaw**

Greyhound Trainer Mr Alan McCaw was found in breach of rules 152 (i), 174 (i)(a), 216 and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound RONALDOS GOAL at Shawfield Stadium on 30 January 2010 was analysed by HFL Sports Science Laboratory as containing the drug dexamethasone; and the administration of any substance that could affect the performance and/or well being of the greyhound.

Mr McCaw was not in attendance and having considered his written explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr McCaw be reprimanded and fined £350 which comprised a fine of £300 for the positive sample and £50 for failing to maintain his treatment book.