

**Disciplinary Committee Inquiries**

The Disciplinary Committee of the GBGB were in attendance at a meeting held on 9 December 2010:-

Mr J Akerman (in the chair)

Mr R Woodworth

Dr A Higgins

Mr A Hunt

**1. Sittingbourne Stadium – CUSHIE GLORY – Professional Trainer Mr G Brabon**

Professional Trainer Mr Graham Brabon was found in breach of rules 49 (iv), 152 (i), 174 (i)(a), 214, 215 and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound CUSHIE GLORY at Sittingbourne Stadium on 11 September 2010 was analysed by HFL Sports Science Laboratory as containing the drug morphine; the administration of any substance that could affect the performance and/or well being of the greyhound; and, not using his best endeavours to ensure that the performance of the greyhound was to the satisfaction of the GRB.

Mr Brabon and Mr Jesse Packer, racing manager of Sittingbourne Stadium, apologised for their non-attendance. Having considered Mr Brabon's written explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that he be severely reprimanded and fined £500.

The Disciplinary Committee was disappointed that the assistant trainer, who had most day to day contact with the greyhounds in Mr Brabon's kennel, had neither attended the Inquiry or been asked to submit a statement. In these circumstances, the Committee was prepared to accept that the source of the morphine may have been the bread.

**2. Crayford Stadium – BROADTOWN PAXO – Professional Trainer Miss J Luckhurst**

Professional Trainer Miss Julie Luckhurst was found in breach of rules 174 (i)(a) and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound BROADTOWN PAXO at Crayford Stadium on 14 September 2010 was analysed by HFL Sports Science Laboratory as containing the metabolites 19- norepiandrosterone and 19-noretiocholanolone,

Miss Luckhurst was in attendance and accompanied by kennelhand Mr Edward Towner. Also in attendance was Mr Graham Banks, assistant racing manager of Crayford Stadium. Having considered Miss Luckhurst's explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that she be cautioned and fined £250.

In imposing the penalty, the Disciplinary Committee took into account the statement of Mr Joe Campbell, (the previous owner of the greyhound now known as BROADTOWN PAXO) in which he accepted responsibility for administering the drug Laurabolin in Ireland. The Disciplinary Committee also took into account Miss Luckhurst's good record but was mindful of the need to impose a sanction that acted as a deterrent.

Trainers will be made aware shortly that an elective test at reasonable cost will be available to test for anabolic steroids in the future and the Committee encouraged trainers to make use of this facility.