

**Disciplinary Committee Inquiries**

The Disciplinary Committee of the GBGB were in attendance at a meeting held on Thursday, 11 November 2010:-

Mr R Woodworth (in the chair)

Dr E Houghton

Mr A Hunt

**1. ROMFORD STADIUM - SAND MERCHANT – PROFESSIONAL TRAINER MR E GASKIN**

Professional trainer Mr Ernie Gaskin and assistant trainer Mrs Yvonne Gaskin were in attendance, together with the racing manager of Romford Stadium, Mr Peter O'Dowd, and veterinary surgeon, Mr Richard Payne.

Having considered their explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee found that there was no case to answer. In reaching their decision the Disciplinary Committee explained that they did not attach any blame to either Mr or Mrs Gaskin for the circumstances that led to the greyhound SAND MERCHANT having to be euthanased at Romford Stadium on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

The Disciplinary Committee stated the necessity of a full examination of the circumstances that led to the death of the greyhound SAND MERCHANT, this was not only to demonstrate transparency and the fact that a case such as this is taken seriously by the GBGB, but to determine whether any lessons could be learned.

The Disciplinary Committee thanked both Mr and Mrs Gaskin for attending and giving evidence before them.

**2. PELAW GRANGE STADIUM - GREYHOUND TRAINER MR K RENWICK (Jnr.)**

Professional Trainer Mr Keith Renwick (Jnr.) was found in breach of rules 152 (i) & (ii) and 174 (xii) in relation to his threatening and abusive behaviour towards the racing manager, Mr David Gray, at Pelaw Grange Stadium on 29 May 2010.

Mr Renwick did not attend the Inquiry. Mr David Gray, the racing manager of Pelaw Grange Stadium, was in attendance.

Having considered Mr Renwick's written explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Renwick be reprimanded and fined £350.

**3. SHAWFIELD STADIUM – WOODSGIFT BLONDE**

Professional Trainer Mr William Rae was found in breach of rules 152 (i), 174 (i)(b) and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound WOODSGIFT BLONDE at Shawfield Stadium on 13 August 2010 was analysed by HFL Sports Science Laboratory as containing the drug didofenac.

Mr Rae apologised for his non attendance.

Having considered his written explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee took into account Mr Rae's unblemished record over many years and took into consideration his description of how this event occurred and ordered that he be cautioned and fined £250.