

5th July 2020

NOTICE OF INTEGRITY HEARINGS PANEL RESULT – Mr Ken Gill

PANEL: Mr Timothy McGrath (Chair), Ms Tanya Johnston and Mr Graham Loch.

STEWARDS REPRESENTATION: Mr Derek Kordick, Inquiries Officer and Mr Des Jonas, Chief Steward.



Authorised for public dissemination.

On 22nd June 2020 Mr Gill appeared before the Integrity Hearings Panel (IHP) in relation to matters related to his behaviour at an Angle Park race meeting on 26th September 2019.

Following consideration of various sources of information, Stewards considered it appropriate to subsequently charge Mr Gill with the following 2 charges:

1. Breaching Greyhounds Australasia Rule 86(f) in that Mr Gill engaged in unseemly, improper, insulting or offensive language, conduct or behaviour towards the Chief Steward at Angle Park on 26th September 2019, and;
2. Breaching Greyhounds Australasia Rule 86(o) in that in the opinion of the Stewards, Mr Gill behaved in an improper manner in the kennel house with witnesses reporting offensive language and a manner of behaviour inconsistent with that expected of GRSA participants.

Mr Gill entered a plea of guilty to each of the charges immediately prior to the commencement of the hearing on 22nd June 2020. This was accepted as an appropriate expression of remorse for his behaviour on 26th September 2019. It should also be noted that the following were relevant to the consideration of the matter by the IHP;

- On 30th September Mr Gill wrote to the then Integrity Manager outlining the circumstances surrounding his behaviour on the relevant date.
- On 24th October 2019, Mr Gill participated in an interview with the then Integrity Manager. During the interview, it was clear that Mr Gill considered his behaviour to be of a standard that GRSA should not expect of a participant.
- On 27th October 2019 wrote a further letter to the then Integrity Manager in which he explicitly apologised.

During submissions from representatives of the Stewards, it was noted that Mr Gill has clearly been a valued contributor to greyhound racing for a considerable period of time (almost 50 years). He has expressed insight and remorse at the earliest opportunity. He attended before the IHP and made submissions in a candid, respectful and thoughtful manner. The IHP accepts that the behaviour that was observed on the 26th September 2019 was an aberration on his part, and occurred against the background of an otherwise commendable record of participation.

The IHP, while wishing to ensure that all participants are made aware that disorderly and offensive conduct towards Stewards or officials, or any participant/spectator for that matter, will not be condoned at any time, the IHP considered that in all the circumstances, it is appropriate to deal with the matter as follows:

- Mr Gill will be fined a total of \$500.
- By virtue of his plea of guilty at an appropriate time, that fine will be reduced to \$250.
- That fine will be fully suspended for a period of 12 months.

Both parties were advised of their right of appeal.



Timothy McGrath
GRSA INTEGRITY HEARINGS PANEL CHAIR

