To Staff

14 August 2015

Mr. Marcello Calicchio - Inquiry



Greyhound Racing SA stewards opened an inquiry into Mr. Calicchio's alleged conduct during a kennel inspection conducted on Thursday 16 April 2015 at his property.

After taking evidence from Mrs. Belinda Pearce, Animal Welfare Officer, Mrs. Lisa Michalanney, Investigating Officer and Mr. Calicchio stewards laid the following charges:

Charge 1

Greyhound Rule of Racing AR 86(f):

engages in, publishes or causes to be published, broadcasts or causes to be broadcast, the use of any contemptuous, unseemly, improper, insulting, or offensive language, conduct or behaviour in any manner or form towards, or in relation to a Steward;

Charge 2

Greyhound Rule of Racing AR 86(0):

has, in relation to a greyhound or greyhound racing, done a thing, or omitted to do a thing, which, in the opinion of the Stewards or the Controlling Body, as the case may be, is negligent, dishonest, corrupt, fraudulent or improper, or constitutes misconduct;

Mr. Calicchio pleaded guilty to charge 1 and not guilty to charge 2. As a result stewards adjourned the inquiry and reserved their decision to consider the submissions made in relation to the plea of not guilty for charge 2.

Mr. Calicchio was advised on Monday 27th July 2015 that the Stewards had completed their deliberations and for the reasons which were given unanimously determined to find him guilty charge 2.

As a result, it was necessary for the inquiry to be resumed in order to hear submissions on the question of what penalty, if any, ought to be imposed in relation to these charges.

Accordingly the Stewards advised that the resumption for the inquiry would take place on Thursday 13th August 2015 at 1.00pm.

After considering all submissions the following penalties were imposed in relation to the charges:

Charge 1 Fined \$200

Charge 2 Suspended for a period of 2 Months.

The penalty commenced immediately ending midnight 12th October 2017.

Further Information:

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