

13 September 2018

NOTICE OF INQUIRY RESULT

STEWARDS: L.G. Michalanney, D. Jonas, J. Jones



On Wednesday 12 September, 2018, Greyhound Racing South Australia (GRSA) Stewards inquired into the analysis of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound HOT MARLOW trained by Mr. Steve Meimetis, which had shown the presence of COBALT at the race meeting held at Angle Park on Monday 2 April, 2018.

The reserve portion of the urine sample was tested and the presence of COBALT was confirmed, in excess of 100ng/mL as determined by GAR 83(10).

Evidence was taken from Mr. Paul Zahra (Racing Analytical Services Limited), Dr. Steven Karamatic (Veterinarian), Mr. George Meimetis (Owner Attendant) and Mr. Meimetis.

After considering the matter and all evidence before them, Stewards believed there was sufficient evidence to issue a charge against Mr. Meimetis under GAR 83(2), which reads:

The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound –

(a) nominated to compete in an event;

shall present the greyhound free from any prohibited substance

(3) The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound presented contrary to sub-rule (2) shall be guilty of an offence.

Mr. Meimetis pleaded guilty to the charge.

Mr. Meimetis was disqualified for a period of four (4) months. The disqualification period will commence at midnight on Friday 21 September, 2018.

In assessing penalty Stewards took into consideration his plea of guilt, the levels of cobalt found in the sample and his cooperation during the inquiry process. However, there should be a deterrent for himself and others in relation to this type of offence; as well as ensuring the onus is on Trainers to present their greyhounds free from any prohibited substances.

Furthermore, Stewards acting under GAR 83(4) disqualified HOT MARLOW from Race 8 at Angle Park on Monday 2 April, 2018.

Mr. Meimetis was advised of his rights of appeal.

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