



25 July 2017

NOTICE OF INQUIRY RESULT

STEWARDS: L.G. Michalanney, D. Jonas, B. Pearce

Greyhound Racing South Australia Stewards today inquired into the analysis of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound HARSHLY JUDGED trained by Mr. Stephen Bartholomew, which had shown the presence of ARSENIC at the race meeting held at Mount Gambier on Sunday 19 February, 2017.

The reserve portion of the urine sample was tested and the presence of ARSENIC was confirmed, in excess of 800ng/mL as determined by GAR 83(11).

Evidence was taken from Mr. Paul Zahra (Scientific Manager at Racing Analytical Services Limited), Dr. Steven Karamatic (Veterinary Surgeon) and Mr. Bartholomew.

After considering the matter and all the evidence before them, Stewards believed there was sufficient evidence to charge Mr. Bartholomew with a contravention of 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. Bartholomew pleaded guilty to the charge.

Mr. Bartholomew was suspended for a period of four (4) months; wholly suspended for 24 months on the condition he does not re-offend under the same Rule and was fined \$1,500.

In assessing penalty Stewards took into consideration his plea of guilt, his long involvement in the industry, and his cooperation and forthrightness during the inquiry. 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 HARSHLY JUDGED from winning Race 2 at Mount Gambier on Sunday 19 February, 2017, and directed that the placings in the race be amended accordingly.

Mr. Bartholomew was advised of his rights of appeal.

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