

Media Release

11 March 2014

Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board

Date of Hearing: Tuesday, 11 March 2014
Venue of Hearing: RADB Hearing room, Level 2, 46-50 Chetwynd St, West Melbourne
Panel: Mr. John Wardle (Chairman), Mr. Terry O'Connor and Mr. Phillip Prior
Name of Person Charged: Mr. Shane Dervish
Suburb: Stanhope
Track: Geelong Greyhound Racing Club
Date: Monday, 21 October 2013
GAR No: 86 (o)
Offence: Mr. Shane Dervish made inappropriate contact with another trainer in the kennel block at the Geelong Greyhound Racing Club conducted on Monday, 21 October 2013, which in the opinion of stewards was improper and constituted misconduct.

REPORT:

Following an incident at the Geelong Greyhound Racing Club on Monday, 21 October 2013, the Stewards of Greyhound Racing Victoria conducted an investigation.

During the investigation, Stewards heard evidence from registered trainer Mr. Shane Dervish, Mr. Dennis Lyons (Trainer), Mr. Ron Dunn (Trainer), Ms. Sandra Etridge (Club employee), Ms. Samantha Ferguson (Club employee) and Ms. Nicole Lund (Trainer).

After considering the evidence, Stewards charged Mr. Dervish with a breach of Greyhounds Australasia Rules 86 (o) which provides that a person shall be guilty of an offence if the person 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.

Under Rule 47.1 of the Greyhound Racing Victoria Local Rules this constituted a Serious Offence. As a result, on Tuesday, 11 March 2014 this matter was heard before the Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board in the first instance under Greyhound Local Racing Rule 47.3 and Sections 83C(b) and 83M(1) of the Racing Act.

Mr. Shane Dervish represented himself by telephone.

Mr. Mr. Ron Matthews (GRV Steward) represented the Stewards Panel.

Mr. Shane Dervish pleaded guilty to the charge.

After hearing all the evidence tendered and having regard to GAR86 (o), the RADB determined that Mr. Dervish was guilty as charged and suspended him for 3 months, wholly suspended until 31 December 2014, effective from Tuesday, 11 March 2014 pending no similar breaches of the Rules of Greyhound Racing during this period.

In determining penalty the RADB took into account, among other things;

- (a) Mr. Matthews submissions concerning the appropriate penalty;
- (b) Mr. Dervish's clean record in conduct matters over more than 20 years as a licensed trainer and;
- (c) Mr. Dervish expressed regret over the incident and it was out of character for him.

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