



STEWARDS REPORT: JADE MURRAY – THE GARDENS 20.2.09

DATE: 14.5.09

Stewards today finalised an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding an incident during kennelling at The Gardens meeting of 20th February 2009 involving licensed person Mr. Jade Murray where he sore and broadcast accusations at kennel staff and Steward C. Bentley of improper conduct of a serious nature.

During the course of the Inquiry evidence was taken from:-

Mr. Jade Murray Licensed Person
Mr. Tim Murray Licensed Person
Mr. J. Rodgers Kennel Staff
Mrs. M. Carroll Kennel Staff
Mr. A. Levi Kennel Staff
Mrs. E. Robertson Registered Trainer

Stewards subsequently charged Mr. Jade Murray pursuant to two breaches of Rule 86(o) which provides:-

R86 Offences

A person (including an official) shall be found guilty of an offence if the person-

- (o) 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;

The particulars of the 1st charge being that Mr. Murray by your own admission swore on a number of occasions during a heated incident in the kennels at the Gardens Meeting of 20th February 2009 saying amongst other comments “you fucking bastards doped my fucking dogs” adding “you you fucking bastard” referring to Steward Clint Bentley. The charge comes under the category of misconduct.

Mr. Murray pleaded guilty to this breach of Rule 86(o).

Mr. Murray was charged with a 2nd breach of Rule 86(o) which provides:-

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The particulars of the 2nd charge being that Mr. Jade Murray acted improperly by broadcasting serious allegations against Clint Bentley and kennel staff in a loud voice in the kennels at the Gardens on the 20th February 2009 whilst pointing at Steward Clint Bentley. The accusations were that Clint Bentley was on the take and accepted bribes. The accusations against kennel staff were that they interfered with his brother's greyhound several weeks prior to the Gardens meeting of 20th February 2009.

Mr. Murray pleaded not guilty to this breach of Rule 86(o).

After consideration on the matter of penalty Mr. Murray was disqualified for a period of 9 months from 12th May 2009 for his 2nd breach of Rule 86(o) and for his 1st breach of Rule 86(o) was fined 3 penalty units equivalent to \$330.00.

The following factors carried weight in the Stewards' decision:

- (1) Any penalty imposed must act as a deterrent.
- (2) Previous record.
- (3) Length of time in industry.
- (4) Plea of Guilty to 1st charge.
- (5) Serious nature of allegations.
- (6) Mr. Murray had not had his medication on the day.

Mr. Murray was advised of his rights of appeal.

M. HURLEY,
Chair of Stewards(Greyhounds).