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STEWARDS INQUIRY

Hobart Greyhound Racing Club Meeting 12 January 2017

Race 5 – Put Your Quaddies On Grade 5 Division 3 – 340m

On Friday 20 April 2017, Stewards concluded an inquiry into the circumstances relating to the greyhounds TIGRA TRON and SHANLYN CHINA wearing the incorrect rugs, starting from the incorrect boxes and subsequently being disqualified from Race 5 at the Hobart Greyhound Racing Club 12 January 2017

Evidence was taken from, Trainer Susan Gittus (TIGRA TRON), Trainer Graeme Moate and Attendant Steven Croft (SHANLYN CHINA), Club Officials Terry Woodward and Brendon Lamprey, Starter/Steward Gary Cooper

After considering all the evidence put forward, Stewards issued charges to Mrs Gittus, Mr Moate, Mr Croft, Mr Woodward and Mr Lamprey under the provisions of GAR 86(o) negligence, which states,

A person (including an official) 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;

Mr Graeme Moate was found guilty of the charge in that as the trainer of SHANLYN CHINA he was negligent in failing to ensure that the correct rug had been placed on that greyhound. Mr Moate was fined \$500 with \$250 wholly suspended for 24 months.

Mr Steven Croft pleaded guilty to the charge in that as the handler of SHANLYN CHINA he was negligent in failing to ensure that the correct rug was placed on that greyhound. Mr Croft was fined \$250 with \$150 wholly suspended for 24 months.

Mrs Susan Gittus pleaded guilty to the charge in that as the trainer of TIGRA TRON she was negligent in failing to ensure that the correct rug had been placed on that greyhound. Mrs Gittus was fined \$500 with \$250 wholly suspended for 24 months.

Mr Terry Woodward pleaded guilty to the charge that as the club official appointed to identify and provide the correct numbered rugs to greyhounds prior to racing he was negligent in failing to ensure the correct rugs were taken for TIGRA TRON and SHANLYN CHINA. Mr Woodward was stood down from his duties for a period of 3 weeks wholly suspended for 24 months.

Mr Brendon Lamprey pleaded guilty to the charge that as the club official appointed to confirm the identity of the first four placings prior to All Clear he was negligent in giving Stewards All Clear on the first four numbers when he failed to correctly identify the first placed greyhound. Mr Lamprey was stood down from his duties for a period of 3 weeks wholly suspended for 24 months.

In determining penalties, Stewards took into account that a number of system failures pre-race and post-race had occurred, new processes have been introduced to minimise the risk of similar instances happening in future.

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