

Stewards' Report

Stewards' Report – D. St. Clair and R. Thomson

Date – 2nd December 2016

Panel – K.M. Braunberger and P. Lane

Stewards opened an enquiry into an incident at the registered trials of the Townsville Greyhound Racing Club on Thursday 17 November 2016.

Evidence was taken from trainer Robert Thomson and Owner Dwaine St. Clair in relation to an alleged altercation between the two licencees. Further evidence was taken from licencees Robert Lawdon, Doug Warrington, Steven Essery, Greta Thomson and Robert Lound.

After considering the evidence presented Mr St. Clair was charged under the provisions of GAR 86 (o) for acting in a manner which Stewards considered to be misconduct and deemed to be unacceptable behaviour for a licenced person in a licenced area. Rule 86 (o) 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 St. Clair was found guilty of the charge. He then advised Stewards that he was no longer a licenced person as at the 30 November 2016. Mr St, Clair was a licenced person at the time of the incident.

Mr St. Clair was fined \$500, \$250 to be suspended for a period of six months under Rule 95 (3).

Mr. St Clair was advised of his appeal rights.

Trainer Robert Thomson was charged under the provisions of GAR 86 (o) for acting in a manner which Stewards considered to be misconduct and deemed to be unacceptable behaviour for a licenced person in a licenced area.

Mr Thomson pleaded guilty to the charge and was subsequently fined \$500, \$250 to be suspended for a period of six months under Rule 95 (3).

Mr. Thomson was advised of his appeal rights.