

Stewards' Report

Stewards' Report – Warren Pirie

Date – 16th July 2019

Panel – G Meek & J Challen

On Wednesday, 12th June 2019, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards opened and adjourned an inquiry into the insertion of cotton wool into both ears of greyhound Hay Bonus by trainer Warren Pirie at the starting boxes at Callaghan Park prior to Race 4 – Club Workers Appreciation 5th Grade 407m.

Stewards concluded the inquiry on Tuesday, 16th July 2019 where submissions were made by Mr Warren Pirie, the licensed trainer of Hay Bonus.

After considering the evidence presented by Mr Pirie and the starter Ms C Wust, Stewards issued a charge under Greyhound Australasian Rule of Racing 86(y) which reads:

A person (including an official) shall be guilty of an offence if the person – does or attempts to do any act or causes to be done any act for the purposes of affecting the performance or behaviour of any greyhound in any Event or preventing it from starting in an Event.

That on Wednesday, 12th June 2019, at the boxes immediately prior to placing the Greyhound Hay Bonus into the starting boxes in Race 4 – Club Workers Appreciation 5th Grade 407m, Mr. Pirie did insert cotton wool into both ears of the Greyhound in an attempt to improve the performance of Hay Bonus.

Mr Warren Pirie pleaded guilty to the charge.

The QRIC Stewards considered the following on penalty:

- A plea of guilty to the charge.
- The nature of the incident.
- Mr Pirie's time in the industry with no previous breach of this rule.
- Mr Pirie's financial position.
- The need to maintain integrity of greyhound racing and ensure a level playing field for all participants.

Accordingly, the QRIC Stewards believe the appropriate penalty to be a monetary penalty of \$1,000 and a 3 month suspension of Mr Pirie's licence. Stewards acting under the provisions of GAR95 (3), elected to suspend \$500 and wholly suspend the 3 month suspension of Mr. Pirie's licence for a period of 12 months, pending no similar breach of the rules.

Mr Pirie was advised of his right to an Internal Review.