

By Telephone Conference

Stewards: Mr. S. Woolaston (Chairman), Mr. P. Phillips

22 May 2024

Today, Stewards commenced an inquiry into the circumstances relative to or regarding comments posted on the GRNSW Facebook site on Monday 11 March 2024.

After considering written and verbal submissions made by registered Owner Trainer and Breeder Mr. Tony Atkins, Stewards were unable to establish to the requisite standard of proof that Mr. Atkins had been personally responsible for posting content on the GRNSW Facebook site at that date and time.

Accordingly, after considering the evidence provided by Mr. Atkins, noting that at the time of Inquiry Mr. Atkins no longer held any registrations with the Commission, and after taking into account Greyhound Rule 165(c)(a)(iv), Stewards determined that the charge issued in this matter was not proven and as such no further action was taken and the matter concluded.

Relevant Rule

Charge - Rule 165(c)(a)(iv), Rules

An offence is committed if a person (including an official):

...

(a) engages in contemptuous, unseemly, improper, insulting or offensive conduct or behaviour in any manner or form towards, or in relation to:

...

(iv) a Steward or any other official of a Controlling Body or Club;