

Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board

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Date of Hearing: Friday, 31 March 2017
Venue of Hearing: Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation
Panel: Ms. Gail Owen (Chairman), Mr. John Hutchison and Mr. David Gleeson
Appellant: Mr. Trevor Whitford
Town: Moe
Track: Traralgon
Date: Monday, 27 March 2017
GAR No: 69 A(1)
Matter: The greyhound 'Rosehill Beth' was charged with failing to pursue the lure with due commitment.

REPORT:

The RADB received an Appeal lodged by Mr. Trevor Whitford against a decision handed down by the Greyhound Racing Victoria Stewards at Traralgon on Monday, 27 March 2017.

The Stewards determined, under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 69 A(1), that the greyhound 'Rosehill Beth' was guilty of failing to pursue the lure with due commitment during Event 12 at Traralgon on Monday, 27 March 2017. Subsequently, 'Rosehill Beth' was suspended for 28 days and ordered to undergo a satisfactory trial.

Mr. Trevor Whitford represented himself at the hearing.

Ms. Christine Gent (GRV Steward) represented the Stewards.

DECISION:

1. Mr. Trevor Whitford is the owner of the greyhound "Rosehill Beth". Rosehill Beth competed in race 12 at Traralgon on 27 March 2017. Stewards of Greyhound Racing Victoria ("GRV") charged Rosehill Blue under Greyhound Australasia Rule ("GAR") 69 A with failing to pursue the lure with due commitment.
2. Mr. Whitford has appealed against the stewards' decision. GAR 69 A(1) states that:-
"where, in the opinion of the Stewards, a greyhound fails to pursue the lure with due commitment during an event, the Stewards shall impose a period of suspension".
3. The question for the Board to determine is whether the decision of the Stewards was open to them. To answer that question we have viewed the vision of the race. The

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vision shows "Rosehill Beth" shifting ground to the outside approaching the home turn and visibly easing. Under GAR 1, "failing to pursue" means when a greyhound turns its head or visibly eases during the running of an event. In the circumstances we believe that the decision of the Stewards was open to them. We dismiss the appeal.

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