31 May 2021

**STAY APPLICATION**

**GREYHOUND RACING VICTORIA**

**and**

**SIMON HUMPHRIES**

**Date of hearing:** 18 May 2021

**Panel:** Judge Graeme Hicks (Deputy Chairperson).

**Appearances:** Mr Marwan El-Asmar appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

Mr Simon Humphries represented himself.

**Stay application:** 5 month suspension of Mr Humphries Greyhound Racing Victoria licence from 14 May 2021 and a $750 fine under Greyhounds Australasia Rule 86 (q).

**DECISION**

On Tuesday 4 May 2021, Investigative Stewards opened an Inquiry into Mr Simon Humphries regarding him allegedly engaging in conduct which was detrimental or prejudicial to the interest, welfare, image and control of greyhound racing. The conduct allegedly occurred at the Healesville Greyhound Racing Club on Tuesday 2 March 2021.

Race Day Stewards were alerted to an incident that occurred in the kennel block at Healesville, where a verbal altercation had taken place between Mr Humphries and another registered trainer. During this altercation, Mr Humphries behaved in a threatening and offensive manner. Race Day Stewards also heard evidence that Mr Humphries was intoxicated.

Stewards imposed a 5 month suspension of Mr Humphries Greyhound Racing Victoria licence from 14 May 2021 and a $750 fine under Greyhounds Australasia Rule 86 (q).

Mr Humphries has applied for a Stay of proceedings.

The Stay application was temporarily adjourned to allow both parties to discuss the matter.

After discussions with Mr El-Asmar, Mr Humphries advised the Tribunal that he did not wish to proceed with the Stay application.

The application was dismissed by the Tribunal.

The appeal was set down for Wednesday, 25 May 2021 at 9.30am.

Mark Howard  
Registrar, Victorian Racing Tribunal