

MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH MEETING

joint committees of the

FEDERATION OF BRITISH GREYHOUND OWNERS' ASSOCIATION GREYHOUND TRAINERS ASSOCIATION BRITISH GREYHOUND BREEDERS FORUM

Held on 20TH October 2011 at the Reigate Manor Hotel

In attendance: J. Haynes, (*Chairman*), A. Hammond, J. Simpson, N. McEllistrim (at 11.30)
J. Waldron, (*Hon Secretary*).

- 1) Apologies: R. Gilling was absent.
- 2) Minutes of the previous meeting: were taken as read.
- 3) Matters arising: the Greyhound Breeders Festival on Sunday 11th September was well attended and the quality of entrants to the classes was encouraging.

A funding request to assist British greyhound breeding from a source other than the Breeders Forum (which is represented on the Board of GBGB by the Practitioner) was refused by the Racing Committee and the enquirer was directed to liaise through the recognised channel.

The BGRF Owners Bonus Sweepstakes has been launched at a number of tracks and was proving very popular. The Chairman has presented the trophy for one of the first finals to be run at Mildenhall and would be available for a similar event at Wimbledon.

- 4) GBGB Practitioner's Report: the Chairman reviewed developments in relation to committees and other meetings which he had attended in his role of Practitioner, together with dates of forthcoming meetings which involved members of this committee.

It was confirmed that Mr. J. Simpson had been appointed to the Board of the BGRF.

The racing Committee of GBGB has recommended that the Christmas Bonus of £5k per track should be spread fairly across all grades at the rate of £100 per race from 1st December 2011.

A paper with guidelines is to be issued by the Regulatory Body's Chief Veterinary Officer with regard to the administration of electrolytes in the greyhound drinking water within track paddocks.

It was reported that trainers are unsure about regulations regarding the trialling of greyhounds when moved between UK tracks. Some RM's are still insisting upon three trials – the Chairman to clarify.

- 5) Any Other Business: the Secretary highlighted the difficulty in contacting and recruiting potential members to local associations when it is found that "owners" had moved on and was no longer associated with the Stadium but that greyhounds formerly owned by them and running in their names were, in fact, owned by the trainer. The Chairman commented that special dispensation was given to trainers to re-register those greyhounds they had been left with but that there was some confusion over whether re-registration fees were payable and he would report back on the matter.

The Secretary reported on the progress of the new combined website www.cagro-greyhounds.co.uk which was up and running. Details would be sent to all interested parties and contacts.

- 6) The Next Meeting: Thursday 1st December 2011.

The meeting closed at 12.30 p.m.

J.L.Waldron,
Hon. Secretary.

