

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTEENTH MEETING

joint committees of the

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

Held on 27th July 2012 at the Reigate Manor Hotel

In attendance: J. Haynes, (*Chairman*), A. Hammond, R. Gilling, J. Simpson
J. Waldron, (*Hon Secretary*).

- 1) Apologies: N. McEllistrim.
- 2) Minutes of the previous meeting: were taken as read.
- 3) Matters arising: Towcester, although not established as greyhound racing track have applied for a license to race on two days per week.
- 4) GBGB Practitioner's Report: The Chairman brought the committee up-to-date with published details of matters of current interest.

UK transfer fees have been waived for a trial period August to December 2012. This coincides with the review underway of reasons for the reduction in greyhound ownership.

The result of the election for Chair of the GTA was discussed and it was agreed that the title of this committee, CAGRO (Combined Associates Greyhound Racing Organisations) need not be changed in spite of the regrettable statement by the new Chairman of GTA of his published intention to withdraw his Association's involvement with its deliberations, which since its first meeting in March 2010 had proposed, through the Practitioner, a number of radical improvements and benefits affecting all trainers. However, this committee can still draw upon the wisdom and experience of two long established trainers to voice points of view upon matters directly affecting their branch of the Sport. Accordingly, to avoid possible confusion, a resolution was passed to remove all references to GTA from future communications of CAGRO forthwith and to this end the Secretary was instructed to notify the website controller who will refer any input to the website other than that coming from approved sources.

Litter registrations continue to show a downward trend.

- 5) W W W Matters: The Wimbledon / Oxford situations were discussed and it was agreed that the gathering of political support for the continuance of a sporting venue at Plough Lane was of the utmost importance and that local support for retention of racing at Sandy Lane will impact upon the situation at Oxford. A "Fighting Fund" had been set up for Wimbledon which has received substantial contributions from numerous sources.
- 6) Any Other Business: There was no A.O.B.
- 7) The Next Meeting: Monday 3rd September 2012 at 11 a.m.

The meeting closed at 1.30 p.m.

J.L.Waldron, *Hon. Secretary*.