

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

Chairman's joint sub-committee of the
FEDERATION OF BRITISH GREYHOUND OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
AND
BRITISH GREYHOUND BREEDERS FORUM

Held on 6th September 2013 at the Reigate Manor Hotel

In attendance: J. Haynes, (*Chairman*), R. Gilling, J. Simpson, N. McEllistram (by invitation)
J. Waldron, (*Hon. Secretary*).

- 1) Apologies: A. Matthews, A. Hammond.
- 2) Minutes of the previous meeting: Taken as read.
- 3) Matters arising: Bob Gilling stated that the Breeders Festival, though not taking place this year due to quantity/quality constraints may have some category slots in the Nottingham Greyhound Gathering charity event. Latest figures available showed a registration reduction of 74 to July against 2012 but British whelps were down by 412. Additional finance to correct this situation was unavailable in sufficient quantity to make a difference.
- 4) GBGB Practitioner's Report: The Chairman had brought the committee up-to-date with published details on matters of current interest.

The budget submission was presented to the meeting detailing various aspects making up prize money. This was presented in the light of less income coming to BGRF from the voluntary levy. The breakdown of the FBGOA submission being:

Graded, £5.00 per runner, cost approx.	£1,630,000
OBS, 20 finals per track, cost	565,000
Christmas Bonus @ £5k per track	125,000
Provision for January bonus as above	<u>125,000</u>
Total	<u>£2,445,000</u>

Of the above, trainers would be in receipt of approximately £243,000. It was thought by the committee that the submission was realistic in terms of the overall income expected in 2014. It was understood that both GTA and RCPA had also submitted separate proposals. A separate budgeted sum of £70,000 was also submitted to support and maintain the British Breeders Forum and its Produce Stakes Competitions, two of which would now take place.

The Chairman had discussed with a prominent member of GTA the criteria for future exchanges of dialogue in connection with matters of mutual interest.

- 5) W W W Matters: The Wimbledon / Oxford situations were discussed regarding the changed managerial circumstances announced by GRA on 20th August. The FBGOA policy of supporting a vibrant and modern racing stadium at Wimbledon remains unaltered by the announcement.
- 6) Any Other Business: None.
- 7) The Next Meeting: Monday 4th November 2013. The meeting closed at 12.30 p.m.

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