



BRITISH HARNESS RACING CLUB

Disciplinary Hearing

Friday 16th September 2016 at Premier Inn, Solihull

Enquiry Panel: Jackie Maguire (BHRC Steward), Lisa Knott (BHRC Steward),
Bret Strickland (BHRC Steward)
Parties: John Gill (trainer)
Present: Vivien Gill

On Saturday 30th July 2016 at York Harness Raceway a blood sample was obtained from the horse Million Dollar Man. Following this sampling, the blood was tested by Laboratoire Des Courses Hippiques (LCH) where the substance Furosemide was identified, reported and confirmed. The presence of this substance being a breach of section Y18 of the BHRC Rules and Regulations.

A hearing was convened on Friday 16th September 2016 to examine and adjudicate this case. The BHRC presented the findings of LCH which were accepted by Mr Gill, who also confirmed that he did not wish to instruct analysis of the B Sample. Mr Gill informed the panel that he had administered the substance to the horse on the Thursday prior to the race to treat a suspected infection. Mr Gill acknowledged that he was responsible and stated that he deeply regretted his actions.

The Panel established that Mr Gill was found in breach of section Y18 of the BHRC Rules and Regulations and sanctions would be applied under section Y10.

The Panel, empowered under section V3 of the BHRC Rules and Regulations and for the benefit of racing and owners involved, decided not to impose an immediate suspension.

Mr Gill was notified of the decision of the panel via telephone on the evening of Saturday 17th September 2016

Penalties:

Y10 - £750 fine

Suspension of Mr Gill's Public Trainer licence for a period of 12 months to apply as follows:

- From midnight 25th September 2016 to midnight 25th October 2016 (one month)
- From 1st January 2017 to 30th November 2017 (11 months) (the period from 1st September 2017 to 30th November 2017 in turn to be suspended)

A costs order to cover the analysis and hearing expenses awarded against Mr Gill

The horse Million Dollar Man to be disqualified from any and all races it competed in at York Harness Raceway on 30th July 2016 and also any prize money to be forfeited and reallocated in accordance with section Y16

The horse Million Dollar Man to retain any handicap penalties incurred on the date of sampling in accordance with Appendix X

The horse Million Dollar Man to pass a BHRC integrity test prior to being eligible to be entered for racing

Appeal

The rights to appeal are contained within Section U of the BHRC Rules and Regulations, in particular section U3[b]

Signed:

Jackie Maguire:

Lisa Knott:

Bret Strickland:
