11 August 2016

## **NOTICE OF INQUIRY RESULT**



## STEWARDS: D.J. Southgate, G. Steele, J. Evans

On Thursday, 11 August 2016, Greyhound Racing South Australia Stewards inquired into an incident where Trainer Mr. Bernard Bouchier Jnr allegedly verbally abused a GRSA Animal Welfare Officer during a phone conversation on Friday, 22 July 2016.

After considering his evidence and a written statement from the Officer, Mr. Bouchier Jnr was charged under Greyhound Rule of Racing GAR 86 (f); which reads:

A person (including an official) shall be guilty of an offence if the personengages in, publishes or causes to be published, broadcasts or causes to be broadcast, the use of any contemptuous, unseemly, improper, insulting, or offensive language, conduct or behavior in any manner of form towards, or in relation to-

(iv) any other person having official duties in relation to greyhound racing

Stewards proceeded under the improper and insulting portion of the Rule.

Mr. Bouchier Jnr pleaded guilty to the charge.

Mr. Bouchier Jnr was fined \$600; with \$150 of that penalty suspended for a period of 24 months on the condition he does not re-offend under that Rule.

In assessing penalty Stewards took into consideration his plea of guilt, his clean record in relation to offences under this Rule, his remorse, personal circumstances and a deterrent for himself and others in relation to this type of behaviour.

## **D.J. SOUTHGATE**

## **ACTING CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS**