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Dear Mr Houfton,

Thank you for the nomination of Linda Jones as Greyhound Trainers' Association (GTA) representative to the Board of Directors of the Greyhound Board of Great Britain as a replacement for Ricky Holloway.

As has been pointed out recently by our Chairman, Tom Kelly, since his appointment as Chairman of the GTA in July 2012, Ricky Holloway has led GTA in an unjustified campaign against the Greyhound Board of Great Britain (GBGB) and its Directors. During this time, Mr Holloway, on behalf of GTA, made and then withdrew, with apologies, oral and written, a number of serious allegations against GBGB and its Directors only to reiterate and expand on them as if no undertakings had been given.

This situation escalated following his appointment to the Board as GTA nominee and has continued since, culminating in the illegal demonstration held outside the GBGB offices recently where Directors and staff were subjected to significant abuse from the small but noisy group gathered outside.

For these reasons, amongst others, the Board of the GBGB has concerns about whether the GTA is a suitable and responsible representative body and whether whoever GTA nominates would simply continue in a similar vein, showing little interest in acting constructively with fellow GBGB Directors, nor fulfilling the requirements of the GBGB Articles of Association, notably Article 42.3.2:

The Main Board shall have regard to such factors as they shall in their absolute discretion determine appropriate in making the aforementioned assessment including without limitation the nominated person(s)'s honesty, integrity, reputation, competence and capability as well whether their appointment will facilitate the effective functioning of the Main Board in delivering good corporate responsibility for the sport of greyhound racing with constructive relations with fellow directors of the Main Board, its committees and nominated representative organisations.

The nomination will be put to the Board in due course. However, in the meantime, please answer the following questions:

1. In general terms, how does the GTA represent trainers?
2. How many members does the GTA have?
3. Does GTA have a list of members?
4. What proportion of those members are active members?
5. What are the criteria for being a director of the GTA?
6. How many trainers voted in deciding the individual to be nominated as GTA representative on the GBGB Main Board

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Finally, the GBGB Board has to be content that any GTA nominee is capable of satisfying the fiduciary responsibilities of a Director and the test in the Articles. We are disappointed to note that the unsubstantiated accusations of malpractice that are included in Mr Holloway's letter to Tom Kelly of 14th December remain on the GTA website and in other places, including, but not limited to, the Greyhoundscene website. Should these accusations remain in place, it is a factor that the Board is likely to take into account when considering the suitability of the GTA and Linda Jones.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely



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Company secretary