



## STIPENDIARY STEWARD'S REPORT

### MEETING DETAILS:

<b>Club:</b> Stratford Racing Club	<b>Date:</b> 31.12.2011
<b>Stewards:</b> N Goodwin (Chair), R Neal and B Bateup	<b>Typist:</b> K Smart
<b>Track:</b> Slow 7, downgraded to heavy 10 after race 1, then to heavy 11 following race 6	<b>Rail:</b> True
<b>Weather:</b> Raining	

### GENERAL:

The agent for jockey J Waddell notified the NZ Racing Bureau on race morning that J Waddell was unable to make the weight for ELLIE'O in race one and he would not be attending the meeting to fulfil his remaining two engagements. The stewards filed informations under Rules 330 (3) (a) and 330 (3) (c) respectively with the Judicial Committee. The matter was adjourned.

### SUMMARY:

<b>Swabbing:</b>	KEEP SEEKING, OHOPEE, AGNOPAK, MONROSE, DOUBLE IMAGE, QUEEN OF ROCK, DAWSON FALLS, I GOTTA FEELING
<b>Suspensions:</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	R5 K Myers Rule 612(3) presented CALEY MARIE with blinkers which were not notified gear Fined \$50
<b>Warnings:</b>	
<b>Horse Actions:</b>	
<b>Bleeders:</b>	CALEY MARIE
<b>Medical Certificates:</b>	
<b>Rider Changes:</b>	J Waddell was replaced by the following riders: Race 1 – ELLIE'O – K Myers Race 2 – KEEPER OF KEYS – J Parkes Race 6 – O'RIGHT ZEN – R Hannam

### RACE COMMENTS:

<b>Race 1</b>	<b>TARANAKI STEELFORMERS ITM STANDARD TIMBER MDN</b>
<p>BAHHTON began awkwardly and got back. ALATION lay out shortly after leaving the barriers inconveniencing AMNESTY. SCISSOR SISTER was obliged to race three wide without cover throughout. BAHHTON lay in under pressure over the final 300m. R Myers reported that ALATION failed to handle the heavy 10 track and raced greenly throughout. Following race 1 the track was downgraded to heavy 10.</p>	
<b>Race 2</b>	<b>EMPIE HOTEL / AITKEN TRANSPORT MDN</b>
<p>PERICLES raced wide in the early stages before taken forward near the 1400m. KEEPER OF KEYS was held up for a short distance passing the 600m and again near the 500m. When questioned into the run of CLEVERBASKET jockey S Doyle could offer no excuses. Following the event stable representative D Bothwell advised the Stewards that BLISSFILLY had been galloped on during the running.</p>	

<b>Race 3</b>	<b>MCDONALDS REAL ESTATE / MIDHURST TAVERN MDN</b>
<p>COOL RECEPTION stood flat footed when the barriers were released losing several lengths. MARAVI raced keenly rounding the first turn and had to be steadied off heels for some distance. TUSCADELL raced wide throughout. Passing the 500m MARAVI was checked when attempting a narrow run to the inside of CHIVAS ROYALE, after that runner shifted in marginally to avoid the heels of the rapidly tiring FOCUSED. After questioning riders it was considered the interference to be accidental. MARAVI was then held up for some distance rounding the turn before obtaining clear running near the 150m.</p>	
<b>Race 4</b>	<b>TARANAKI ABATTOIR COMPANY 1600 RATING 65</b>
<p>TRICKJAH and SETTLE PETAL were slow to begin. SETTLE PETAL got its head up when being steadied rounding the first turn and raced keenly through the back straight. RED MAGIC over raced in the lead over the early and middle stages. TRICKJAH raced keenly throughout. M Hudson the rider of SETTLE PETAL dropped her whip near the 250m.</p>	
<b>Race 5</b>	<b>J SWAP CONTRACTORS 1600 RATING 85</b>
<p>R Lockett representing Trainer K Myers admitted a breach of Rule 612(3) in that CALEY MARIE was presented at the inspection area with blinkers which were not declared. After consideration the Judicial Committee imposed a fine of \$50.</p> <p>Following the event R Hutchings the rider of the second placed horse DUBAI BELLE lodged a protest against the first placed DOUBLE IMAGE, alleging interference over the concluding stages. After deliberations the JCA dismissed the protest, finding that while contact had been made between DUBAI BELLE and DOUBLE IMAGE, this had occurred in close proximity to the winning post and consequently the chances of DUBAI BELLE had not been detrimentally affected. Stable representative R Lockett, advised that CALEY MARIE had bled and is now retired.</p>	
<b>Race 6</b>	<b>TARANAKI TURF CLUB 1200 RATING 65</b>
<p>INNOVATION was slow away. R Hannam reported that O'RIGHT ZEN failed to handle the heavy track. Following the running of race 6 the track was down graded to heavy 11.</p>	
<b>Race 7</b>	<b>HOOKER PACIFIC STRATFOR CUP OPEN HANDICAP</b>
<p>MAUDE struck its barrier on jumping and was slow away. BALLROOM was slow to begin. Passing the 1000m IRISH CHARMER was buffeted for several strides when in restricted room between DESERT GEM and SASHA. L Allpress reported that MAUDE never travelled well at any stage and was disappointing. Trainer P Belsham advised that MAUDE would now be spelled.</p>	
<b>Race 8</b>	<b>BRIAN DARTH FUNERAL SERVICES 2000 RATING 75</b>
<p>Passing the 1200m CONFRONTATIONAL ducked out abruptly hampering GOLD CAPE and ONE NOUGHT SHORT for several strides. When questioned by the Stewards into the form reversal of I GOTTA FEELING, Trainer J Wheeler stated that the mare was assisted by the heavy track conditions and the increase in distance from 1600m to 2000m. CONFRONTATIONAL was crowded over the final stages between SANTERIA and GOLD CAPE which both shifted ground.</p>	