

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Otago Racing Club	Date:	Wednesday 26 th September 2012
Weather:	Overcast/Drizzling		
Track:	Dead 4. Dead 5 following Race 2.		
Rail:	Out 6 metres from 1800 to 1400 and 8 metres rest.		
Stewards:	M Davidson (Chairman), M Zarb and P Kinsey		
Typist:	B Gutsell		

GENERAL: (All comments pertaining to this meeting – e.g. drivers/riders not attending, delays and all other issues)

Pre Race blood testing was carried out at this meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY: (All adjourned inquiries and follow up information relating to previous meetings)

Trainer S Price advised that TRULY PREVAILS which raced at Winton on Tuesday the 18 th of September 2012 and stopped quickly eventually finishing a distant last has been retired from her stable.
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SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	SAINT RYAN, REPLACE, DELIGHTFUL BELLE, LUCILLE, ROYALE CRYSTAL, PAMINA, MISS MILLBROOK		
Suspensions:	Race		
Protests:	Race		
Fines:	Race		
Warnings:	Race	5	C Barnes - [Rule 638(1)(d)] - Shifting ground final straight.
	Race	7	L Callaway - [Rule 638(1)(d)] - Shifting ground 900 metres.
Bleeders:	Race		
Horse Actions:	Race	7	KIRKIE – barrier manners, must trial to Stewards satisfaction.
Medical Certificates:	K Walters – medical certificate required.		
Rider/Driver Changes:	Race	4	R Hutchings replaced KC Walters (SAVONT)
	Race	6	T Direen replaced KC Walters (USTIBECASUAL)
	Race	7	R Doherty replaced KC Walters (OUR BEE JAY)
Scratching Penalties:			

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	NZ RACING WEAR 1600 MAIDEN (1600M)
<p>BESTIA was observed to have skin off its rump and after being examined by the clubs veterinary surgeon was cleared to start.</p> <p>The start of this event was delayed approximately 6 minutes and 30 seconds due to the Clerk of the Course being dislodged from his horse on the way to the start area and the horse escaping riderless for some time before being recaptured.</p> <p>COUP ROTORUA was slow to begin. CONSIDERATE raced keenly over the early stages due to the lack of pace in the race. Passing the 350 metres CONSIDERATE (S Muniandy) shifted ground outwards placing both KEEPARUNNIN and COUP ROTORUA in restricted room momentarily. S Muniandy was shown replays of this incident and advised to exercise greater care when shifting ground in future. KEEPARUNNIN was unable to obtain clear running in the run home until passing the 75 metres and when shifting out off the heels of SAINT RYAN bumped heavily with OURMANSTAN which was in turn shifted outwards and brushed with COUP ROTORUA in the shadows of the post. Rider R Hutchings (KEEPARUNNIN) viewed the relevant replays of the concluding stages before deciding not to lodge a protest.</p> <p>When spoken to regarding the improved performance of SAINT RYAN trainer D Champion advised Stewards that after winning a trial the gelding had excuses in its two previous starts and had been working well at home. He further added a forward showing had been expected today and the performance had come as no surprise to connections.</p>	
Race 2	AGRISPRAY AND EQUIPMENT LTD 1200 RATING 65 (1200M)
The start of this event was delayed approximately 4 minutes and 28 seconds due to the horses arriving late to the start	

area.

ZOLATOI began awkwardly shifting out and making contact with **GOLD LEAF** which was slow to begin as a result. **HERNANDEZ** over raced during the early stages. Passing the 900 metres **HERNANDEZ** which was continuing to race keenly shifted in placing **NEWS FLASH** in restricted room resulting in that runner having to steady. **NEVER DIE** raced wide throughout. Passing the 350 metres **GOLD LEAF** ducked in abruptly when struck with the whip and had to be straightened. **NEWS FLASH** was held up early in the run home and passing the 50 metres had to shift out off the heels of **HERNANDEZ** to obtain clear racing room. **ROC CITY** was denied a marginal run to the inside of **ZOLATOI** over the concluding stages and had to steady and change ground outwards. Rider KC Walters (**ROYAL HU**) injured his shoulder passing the 100 metres of this event and was unable to ride his mount out to the finish. KC Walters was eventually able to pull his mount up and after being examined by St John Ambulance paramedics was found to have dislocated his shoulder and was transferred to hospital for observation. **ROYAL HU** escaped riderless and crashed through the outside gate. A veterinary examination of **ROYAL HU** detected no abnormalities other than some minor bruising.

KC Walters was excused from weighing in pursuant to Rule 647(1) and was advised he would require a Medical Certificate of Clearance prior to riding next. Inconvenienced in this incident was **ZOLATOI** which had to steady and change ground. When spoken to regarding the performance of favoured runner **GOLD LEAF** rider C Barnes advised the Stewards that her mount had been slow away and then after the gelding had ducked in at the top of the straight losing considerable momentum it had battled on fairly over the concluding stages and finishing less than seven lengths from the winner. Following the running of this event the track conditions were officially downgraded to Dead 5.

Race 3	AAKLAND 1200 3YO HANDICAP (1200M)
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ALOTTA MOJO and **KATIE'S DIAMOND** were both slow to begin. **DELIGHTFUL BELLE** began awkwardly. **THE DIAMOND ONE** raced keenly over the early stages. **MADAM DUSAUTOIR** was obliged to race three wide for the majority of the event. Passing the 200 metres **KATIE'S DIAMOND** shifted in under pressure and had to be straightened. **THE DIAMOND ONE** shifted out under pressure over the concluding stages making contact with **DELIGHTFUL BELLE** inside the final 50 metres.

Race 4	MOSGIEL TAVERN 1200 F&M MAIDEN (1200M)
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MARKALOUHKA and **VIGOROUS** which were both fractious in their stalls prior to the start both began awkwardly losing ground. **LUCILLE** was slow to begin. **SAVONT** began awkwardly. **KATRIFFIC** raced fiercely during the early stages proving very difficult for its rider to control. **SAVONT** had some difficulty obtaining clear running to the inside of **DRESSED 'N' READY** throughout the run home and only gaining clear running inside the final 100 metres. **BEMINE** was inclined to hang in down the final straight.

Race 5	BILL ACKLIN ENTERTAINMENT 1400 MAIDEN (1400M)
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PARTY BRAT and **PROPULSION** made contact on jumping away. **PARTY BRAT** over raced in the early stages. **WHARE CREEK** was obliged to race wide through the middle stages. **BIG IDEA** raced wide without cover throughout. **OUR MEGAN** gave ground quickly from the 600 metres eventually finishing in a distant last placing. Stewards requested a post-race veterinary examination of **OUR MEGAN** which revealed no abnormalities. Trainer D Champion advised the Stewards that it was his intention to retire the filly as a racing proposition from his stable.

OUR ZULU GIRL was held up momentarily rounding the bend by the 400 metres and then had an interrupted passage in the final straight with apprentice rider R Black unable to ride the mare to full advantage over the concluding stages. Passing the 100 metres **STRUCTURE** (C Barnes) shifted in under pressure hampering **PARTY BRAT** which had to steady momentarily. Also inconvenienced in this incident was **PROPULSION**. Apprentice rider C Barnes was issued with a warning under Rule 638(1)(d) shifting ground when not fully clear. **ROYALE CRYSTAL** lay out throughout the run home shifting wider on the track but was always clear of other runners.

Race 6	HORSE GIFTS NZ 1400 RATING 65 (1400M)
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PAMINA began awkwardly. **SLAM DUNK** which began to over race had to be steadied off the heels of **KUNTE KINTE** passing the 1200 metres. **DAVONE CODE** raced keenly through the early stages. **SLAM DUNK** continued to over race and skied its head when being restrained through the middle stages proving difficult for its rider to control. **KUNTE KINTE** raced wide throughout. **SLAM DUNK** raced wide rounding the final bend and shifted in under pressure over the concluding stages having to be straightened. **EL BEE DEE** was held up over the concluding stages. **CHAMPAGNE AGAIN** had to shift out off the heels of **OUR JACKMAN** passing the 100 metres when looking for clear racing room. Trainer M Pitman was spoken to by Stewards regarding the racing manners of **SLAM DUNK** with M Pitman advising that it may be in the best interests of the gelding to have a stronger rider engaged for the next start.

Rider L Callaway could offer no excuses for the poor performance of **KUNTE KINTE**. Trainer D Champion advised the stewards he would be retiring **KUNTE KINTE** as a racing proposition from his stable advising in his opinion the gelding had a breathing problem.

Race 7	JAY MISBAH: SELAMAT JALAN! RATING 85 (1400M)
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KIRKIE stood in the gates as the start was made losing approximately 50 metres and all chance in the event. The connections of **KIRKIE** were advised the gelding must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to returning to the races. **VINTNER** began awkwardly shifting in making contact with **VINCITORE**. **PETTY LANE** raced keenly over the early stages. Passing the 900 metres **FIDDLERS GREEN** (C Barnes) shifted in from the three wide line momentarily inconveniencing **VINTNER** which had to steady. C Barnes was advised to exercise care. Simultaneous to this incident

VINCITORE (L Callaway) shifted in when marginally clear of **PETTY LANE** whom was still over racing resulting in that runner having to steady for several strides. L Callaway was issued with a warning under Rule 638(1)(d) shifting ground when not clear. **INFERNO** had to check off the heels of the tiring **ROYAL GOVERNESS** passing the 200 metres. **PETTY LANE** was held up over the concluding stages and went to the line not fully tested by its rider.

Stewards requested a post-race veterinary examination of favoured runner **ROYAL GOVERNESS** which after leading gave ground finishing well back in the field with rider L Allpress reporting the gelding had felt indifferent in its action and may have been favouring its near hind leg. The subsequent veterinary examination revealed no obvious abnormalities.

When spoken to regarding the performance of **ROYAL GOVERNESS** trainer T Rae advised Stewards she had hoped the mare would be ridden with cover however after leading and giving ground over the concluding stages she had put the poor performance down to the Dead track conditions. Mrs Rae further added **ROYAL GOVERNESS** usually performs its best on firmer tracks.