STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club: LEVIN RACING CLUB Date: 30th November 2012

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (3)
Rail: True

Stewards: R Neal (Chairman); N Goodwin; B Bateup and L Tidmarsh.

Typist: Pauline Penketh

GENERAL:

Pre-race blood testing was undertaken on all runners in race eight.

Stewards questioned trainer J Bridgman on Wednesday 28th November regarding the nomination and acceptance of **BETTER THAN EVER** in the LEVIN STAKES after statements appeared in the media relating to the geldings immediate racing programme; in particular Mr Bridgman was questioned regarding his intention to start the horse in the Levin race. Mr Bridgman explained that after performing to his satisfaction at the trials the previous day (Tuesday) he had, as a consequence of the nominations being left open for today's race, elected to accept with the intention of starting **BETTER THAN EVER** as he believed this was a suitable race for the gelding being fresh up in a new campaign. Mr Bridgman advised that **BETTER THAN EVER** had come through the trial well and if the gelding continued to do well, would start in the Levin Stakes

Stewards today further questioned Mr Bridgman, subsequent to **BETTER THAN EVER** being scratched on race morning, seeking an explanation as to the reasons for the horse being withdrawn. Mr Bridgman advised that after travelling to Otaki the gelding had not done as well as anticipated, moreover **BETTER THAN EVER** had failed to drink and was off its food, thus the decision was made to scratch on race morning.

Mr Bridgman advised Stewards that he did not nominate the horse for this race for any reason other than with the intention of starting.

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

SUMMARY:

Swabbing: FANTASTIC HONOUR; BELLAPIN; KEENLY; JILTED; HERMOSA NOVIA; BURGUNDY; MCLAREN;

PREPARED; SOUTHERN LORD; LE CHOIX; SORIANO; I DO

Suspensions: Race

Protests: Race

Fines: Race 8 K Myers – Rule 638 (2) – celebratory gesture – fined \$300

Warnings: Race

Bleeders: Race

Horse Actions: Race 5 ENZEDDA – atrial fibrillation – vet clearance including an ECG and trial before next

starting.

8 Park Princess – veterinary clearance required before next starting.

Medical Certificates:

Rider/Driver Changes: Race 8 R Hutchings replaced A Calder on ADDICTIVE HABIT due to transport difficulties.

Late Scratchings: Race 8 PARK PRINCESS at 4.58pm on veterinary advice.

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 COURTESY FORD – PALMERSTON NORTH AND LEVIN PREMIER

TWOZNOTENOUGH (V Johnston) jumped inwards abruptly at the start hampering GROOVEY RUBY (B Grylls) and MISS MOSSMAN (M Du Plessis).

FANTASTIC HONOUR (K Myers) lugged inwards throughout.

MISS MOSSMAN had to be steadied off heels prior to entering the home straight.

TWOZNOTENOUGH was dictated outwards near the 350 metres when **FANTASTIC HONOUR** was angled out in search of clear running. Also affected were **MISS MOSSMAN** and **GROOVEY RUBY** both of which were taken wider. Rider **K Myers** was reminded of her obligations when shifting ground.

Race 2 104.2 MORE FM PREMIER

DAUFINO, (J Waddell) ANITA PEA (V Colgan) and EIGHTLIVES (M Du Plessis) came together at the start.

DENLEE (O Bosson) raced wide throughout.

When questioned on the performance of **DENLEE, O Bosson** advised that despite being caught wide during the race, the mare failed to respond when put under pressure in the straight.

ARIETTA (M Dravitzki) lay-in over the final 300 metres and had to be straightened.

Race 3 LIFESTYLE AND DAIRY PUMPS – LEVIN PREMIER

SHOW THE BEEL (K Myers) and **ASAVANT (H Tinsley)** both began awkwardly.

COMMANDING OAK (L Satherley) made the first bend awkwardly, shifting out and making contact with **KEENLY (M Cameron)**.

TULLAROAN (O Bosson) was obliged to race three-wide without cover throughout.

Passing the 600 metres, **SANTOS** (J Riddell) had to steady when awkwardly placed on the heels of the tiring **KEEPEREEL** (R Hannam).

KEENLY lay-in over the final 300 metres and had to be straightened.

When questioned regarding the run of **ENUFFISENUFF**, **R Hutchings** said the mare travell**e**d comfortably during the running but when put under pressure, failed to respond and was disappointing.

Race 4 COLIN CHRYSTALL MEMORIAL

MARANELLO (D Johnson) was slow away.

CAPRICIOUS (S Spratt) began awkwardly.

STELLA BELLA (K Myers) hung in approaching the turn near the 1000 metres resulting in tightening to **MARANELLA** which had to steady. **NENA GREENA (L Allpress)** and **IAMISHWARA (O Bosson)** were also hampered in this incident.

IAMISHWARA was held up for a short distance rounding the home turn.

MARANELLO was held up passing the 200 metres until near the 100 metres.

NENA GREENA had to steady momentarily approaching the 100 metres before being angled in to continue to improve.

Race 5 AMP PRIME INSURANCE – LEVIN PREMIER

OURBLACKISLE (D Johnson) bounded leaving the barriers, shifting out and making contact with the hindquarters of **JAKBLAK (M Hills)**.

TIGRIS (M Dravitzki) was unbalanced when the gates opened and was slow away.

KING LEONIDAS (J Riddell) was held up passing the 600 metres until near the 250 metres.

JAKBLAK was held up on the heels of **FIRKEEPER (K Myers)** early in the home and had to be taken wider to continue to improve.

GET THE MESSAGE (H Tinsley) became awkwardly placed on the heels of the weakening **SINS OF THE FATHER (M Camero**n) passing the 400 metres and thereafter was unable to obtain clear running for the majority of the final straight.

TIGRIS had to steady near the 300 metres when unable to obtain clear running. **TIGRIS** then had to be taken wider to continue to improve.

ZENNO ROLLS ROYCE (D Bradley) was held up early in the home straight then raced in restricted room for a short distance passing the 200 metres.

When questioned into the performance of **FIREKEEPER, K Myers** could offer no excuses. A post-race veterinary examination of **FIREKEEPER** revealed no abnormalities

ENZEDDA compounded passing the 900 metres and was not persevered with over the final stages. When questioned on the performance of **ENZEDDA**, **J Parkes** said the gelding had travelled comfortably until near the 900 from where it gave ground quickly. A post-race veterinary examination of **ENZEDDA** revealed the gelding suffered an atrial fibrillation. Trainer **K Zimmerman** was advised that a veterinary clearance including the results of an ECG must be provided before the gelding next starts.

Race 6 CHAINEY'S PANASONIC LEVIN STAKES – Listed

BURGUNDY (M Cameron) jumped outwards at the start into the line of **PRINCESS KATIE (L Allpress)** which lost ground. **TAURUS (D Walsh)** raced three-wide without cover throughout.

SITARA (K Myers) was momentarily held up approaching the 200 prior to being angled inward to continue to improve.

Race 7

BRANCOTT ESTATE PREMIER

RIEDEL dislodged the rider **M Cameron** on leaving the birdcage and travelled to the barriers where it was captured and cleared to race.

TORRICELLA (R Hutchings) jumped in abruptly at the start and tightened KING KAMADA (J Parkes).

PREPARED (J Waddell) began awkwardly and was slow away.

THE BEAMA (L Innes) jumped out at the start and tightened JOE COOL (L Allpress) and JUSTA CHARLIE (M Du Plessis).

RIEDEL raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

THE BEAMA raced wide throughout.

JUSTA CHARLIE improved onto the heels of GOLDEN JUBILEE (D Johnson) passing the 800 metres and had to be steadied.

Shortly after entering the final straight, LORD OF THE STARS (K Myers) hung in onto the line of CRISTAL HEIGHTS (C Lammas) which was tightened and made contact with THE BEAUT (M Dravitzki).

Over the final stages, **CASINO (D Walker)** shifted out under pressure and dictated **RIEDEL** which was improving to its outside, over extra ground. Rider D Walker was advised that in similar circumstances he is expected to stop riding and straighten his mount sooner than he did on this occasion.

CRISTAL HEIGHTS was held up over the final stages prior to it gaining clear running near the 50 metres.

Race 8

LEVIN RACING CLUB LEVIN CLASSIC - Group 1

R Hutchings replaced A Calder on **ADDICTIVE HABIT** due to transport difficulties.

PARK PRINCESS suffered lacerations to the hind legs after becoming fractious in the barrier stall, was extricated and after a veterinary examination was declared a late scratching at 4.58pm. Connections were advised that veterinary clearance will be required before the filly next races.

ADDICTIVE HABIT (R Hutchings) was obliged to race wide throughout without cover.

CANNY FRANCO (J Bullard) jumped in simultaneously as **BATMAN (L Allpress)** jumped out, resulting in tightening to **SOUTHERN LORD (K Myers).**

BIG IRON (N Harris) jumped inwards abruptly and bumped **SACRED STAR (L Innes)** which became unbalanced and lost ground.

IRISH REBEL (M Cameron) raced keenly in the run along the back straight.

BATMAN raced in restricted room in the early part of the home straight.

JULINSKY PRINCE (J Riddell) and **SACRED STAR** bumped for several strides over the final stages.

K Myers admitted a charge under Rule 638 (2) in that she made a celebratory gesture prior to the winning post. After consideration the Judicial Committee imposed a \$300.00 fine..

Race 9

KAPITI NEWS PREMIER

I DO (O Bosson) and GOLDEN MISS (L Allpress) raced wide throughout.

MCDAIDS (K Myers) was held up rounding the home turn and was unable to obtain clear running throughout the home straight, going to the line untested.

LANGDON (J Riddell) was held up passing the 500 when awkwardly placed on the heels of **JAKOB GAMBINO (R Hutchings). ABOVE STRATUM (J Parkes)** was held up in the early part of the home straight.

RANSOMED (L Innes) was inclined to lay-out in the final 200 metres.

HAVE NO MERCY lost the off hind plate prior to entering the enclosure which could not be replaced.