STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Auckland Racing Club Date: Sunday 27 January 2013

Weather: Fine
Track: Good(3)
Rail: 2.5 Metres

Stewards: J Oatham (Chairman), R Neal, N McIntyre, A Coles, M Williamson, P Kinsey

Typist: M Gemmell

GENERAL:

No issues to report.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing: BEAUTY PERCEPTION, SACRED POINT, CHOICE BRO, SINGLE ACT, LITTLE WONDER,

RUUD AWAKENING, FANTASTIC HONOUR, TOUCHE, ATACAMA,

Suspensions: Race 4 B Hutton RATTLE AND HUM

Careless riding 1100 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 3-10/2 incl (4 days)

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Careless riding 800 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 11-16/2 incl (4 days)

Race 5 BR Jones AL STRADA

Careless riding 1100 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 29/1-17/2 incl (3 weeks)

Race 6 J McDonald ATACAMA

Careless riding 350 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 3-9/2 incl (5 days)

Protests: Nil

Fines: Race 3&6 O Bosson TWILIGHT GRANITA and COSTUME

\$500 [Rule 330(3)(c)] Failing to make weight

Warnings: Race 3 J Waddell DUBAI SHUFFLE

Shifting ground 50 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]

Bleeders: Nil

Horse Actions: Nil

Medical Certificates: Nil

Rider Changes: Race 3 TWILIGHT GRANITA, M Du Plessis for O Bosson (overweight)

Race 6 COSTUME, R Hutchings for O Bosson

Late Scratchings: Nil

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 Westbury Stud 2100

I'VE GOT FAITH (T Thornton), DUELISTA (J McDonald) and SKYTOWER (J Parkes) were all slow to begin.

Shortly after the start **SMUCKERS** (M Coleman) shifted out inconveniencing **BEAUTY PERCEPTION** (L Innes) which then shifted out making contact with **UPSTREAM LAD** (J Riddell) which had to steady.

SMUCKERS raced wide in the early stages.

SOLAR ECLIPSE (R Hutchings) hung out rounding the final turn and continued to hang out under pressure in the final straight inconveniencing **BELLAZEEL** (O Bosson) which then shifted away from **SOLAR ECLIPSE** passing the 300 metres.

I'VE GOT FAITH shifted outwards abruptly when struck with the whip passing the 150 metres inconveniencing the weakening EVEN BETTER (J Waddell) then making contact with BEAUTY PERCEPTION.

When questioned regarding the poor performance of **SKYTOWER** rider J Parkes advised that the mare had never travelled comfortably and in his opinion may be better suited by some easing of the ground. J Parkes further advised that the mare had not previously raced right handed which he believed may also have been a factor. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

Race 2 Curraghmore Stud 1400

NOTHING TRIVIAL (J McDonald) and **EDITION** (M Du Plessis) were both slow to begin.

ANTONINE (O Bosson) shifted out when leaving the barriers crowding **SOPHIE'S GEM** (V Colgan) and **VOLKSBELLE** (K Myers) with **SOPHIE'S GEM** losing ground.

EWENIGHT (A Calder) and **NOTHING TRIVIAL** both over-raced passing the 1200 metres when being steadied. **EWENIGHT** continued to over-race through the middle stages.

SOPHIE'S GEM raced ungenerously when being steadied near the 900 metres inconveniencing **FLAMBOYANT** (D Johnson). **WATT ALIGN** (M Sweeney) raced wide without cover throughout.

VOLKSBELLE was held up when disappointed for a run near the 300 metres becoming awkwardly placed on heels for a distance.

WATT ALIGN hung inwards in the final straight with Rider M Sweeney advising he had been unable to fully ride his mount out as a result.

SACRED POINT (L Innes) shifted out under pressure inconveniencing **WALSBURGS FLIGHT** (P Turner) passing the 250 metres. **SACRED POINT** continued to shift out under pressure inconveniencing **WATT ALIGN** near the 150 metres. L Innes was advised to exercise more care.

WATT ALIGN had to be steadied to avoid heels over the concluding stages.

Race 3 New Zealand Bloodstock Insurance Karaka 3YO Mile

O Bosson was unable to make the weight for **TWILIGHT GRANITA** being replaced by M Du Plessis. O Bosson admitted a charge that he had failed to make the weight for **TWILIGHT GRANITA** along with **COSTUME** in Race 6 and was fined \$500 by the Judicial Committee.

Shortly after the start **LA VITESSE** (M Coleman) shifted in making contact with **TWILIGHT GRANITA** (M Du Plessis) which became unbalanced.

SPINNING DANCER (T Thornton) had to be steadied near the 1400 metres when **KIDWELLY** (J McDonald) shifted in. J McDonald was advised to exercise more care.

KING ZEUS (V Colgan) raced three wide without cover throughout.

TWILIGHT GRANITA over-raced through the middle stages.

SPINNING DANCER had to be checked to avoid the heels of **DUBAI SHUFFLE** (J Waddell) which shifted out near the 50 metres. J Waddell was issued with a warning with the Stewards taking into account that **SPINNING DANCER** had been shifting in under pressure simultaneously as **DUBAI SHUFFLE** shifted out.

Race 4 Cambridge Stud 1200

LITTLE WONDER (S Spratt) knuckled when jumping away.

TOLARNO (J McDonald), **RATTLE AND HUM** (B Hutton) and **LITTLE ROCKET** (B Grylls) were all crowded when leaving the barriers between **SEDGWICK** (M Du Plessis) which lay out and **LA VALETA** (V Colgan) which shifted in abruptly when jumping away.

SIGHLENT SPUR (M Sweeney) got its head up and raced ungenerously when being steadied shortly after leaving the barriers.

Approaching the 1100 metres **RATTLE AND HUM** shifted inwards crowding **TOLARNO**. After being corrected by its rider and relieving the pressure on **TOLARNO**, **RATTLE AND HUM** again shifted in passing the 1100 metres causing crowding to runners to its inside. B Hutton admitted a charge of careless riding in that he had permitted his mount **RATTLE AND HUM** to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear crowding **TOLARNO** onto **SEDGWICK** which was forced inwards crowding **SHE'S SAMASHING** which was checked passing the 1100 metres. After hearing submissions the Judicial Committee suspended apprentice Hutton from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 2 February until the conclusion of racing on Sunday 10 February, 4 riding days.

Also near the 1100 metres **HOT IN PINK** (D Johnson) had to be steadied when crowded between **LITTLE WONDER** which shifted out when making the first turn awkwardly and **LA VALETA** which lay in at that point of the race.

B Hutton also admitted a further charge of careless riding in that he permitted his mount **RATTLE AND HUM** to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear causing **HOT IN PINK** to be crowded and checked near the 800 metres with resultant crowding to **LITTLE WONDER**. When being checked **HOT IN PINK** went back onto **SEDGWICK** which was hampered. B Hutton was suspended for a further period from the conclusion of racing on Sunday 10 February until the conclusion of racing on Saturday 16 February, 4 riding days.

SIGHLENT SPUR ran wide on the track when being steadied passing the 800 metres forcing **LITTLE ROCKET** over extra ground.

SIGHLENT SPUR shifted out when being steadied off the heels of **HOT IN PINK** (D Johnson) near the 600 metres further inconveniencing **LITTLE ROCKET**.

LA VALETA shifted outwards abruptly passing the 300 metres when Rider V Colgan who was looking to transfer his whip into his left hand and had difficulty in doing so. Badly hampered as a result were **LITTLE WONDER**, **TOLARNO** and **PACIFIC CHOICE** (L Allpress) with **TOLARNO** being the worst affected having to be severely checked losing considerable ground. Rider V Colgan and trainer T Cole are to be spoken to regarding the racing manners of **LA VALETA**.

Race 5 Karaka Million

FANTASTIC HONOUR (K Myers) began awkwardly.

CATALONIA (O Bosson) was slow to begin.

GOBI RANGER began awkwardly shifting out abruptly forcing AL STRADA wider on the track.

A BEAUTIFUL KNIGHT (L Allpress) stumbled when leaving the barriers and was inclined to race ungenerously in the early stages. When being steadied approximately 100 metres after the start A BEAUTIFUL KNIGHT was further hampered when AL STRADA (BR Jones) shifted in.

BR Jones admitted a charge of careless riding in that passing the 1100 metres he angled his mount **AL STRADA** inwards and into the line of **CHARLESTOWN** (V Colgan) which was checked and in turn was taken inwards onto **CATALONIA** which was severely checked and made contact with the running rail. After hearing submissions the Judicial Committee suspended BR Jones licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing Monday 28 January 2013 until the conclusion of racing on 17 February 2013 (3 weeks).

GREY HERO (M Hills) was crowded near the 700 metres and when being steadied shifted out forcing **AL STRADA** wider on the track.

Also passing the 700 metres **FANTASTIC HONOUR** had to be steadled off the heels of **PRINCESS SOPHIA** (R Hutchings) hampering **GOBI RANGER** (J McDonald) and further hampering **GREY HERO** and **AL STRADA**.

A BEAUTIFUL KNIGHT had to be steadied off the heels of CATALONIA passing the 600 metres.

RUUD AWAKENING hung outwards around the bend.

FANTASTIC HONOUR was held up near the 300 metres having to shift out across heels to obtain clear running near the 200 metres.

CATALONIA was held up near the 300 metres having difficulty obtaining clear running until near the 150 metres.

Race 6

The Oaks Stud Mile

O Bosson who was unable to make the weight for **COSTUME** was replaced by R Hutchings.

SKY HI BABY (BR Jones) began awkwardly hampering COSTUME (R Hutchings) which lost ground.

GARDEZ LA FOI (A Calder) was slow away.

OTTO THE GREAT (V Colgan) got his head up when being steadied off the heels of **EASTWARD** (T Thornton) near the 900 metres.

J McDonald was suspended from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 2 February until the conclusion of racing Saturday 9 February (5 riding days) after admitting a charge of careless riding in that he permitted his mount **ATACAMA** to shift outwards near the 350 metres when not sufficiently clear of **TAKE CHARGE** which was crowded onto **OTTO THE GREAT**. **GOOD WILL** was eased down in the final straight with rider L Innes advising that the gelding had felt indifferent in its action.

A post-race veterinary examination of **GOOD WILL** did not reveal any obvious abnormalities.

OTTO THE GREAT returned to the enclosure with superficial lacerations to the left hind leg. The gelding was examined by the clubs veterinarian with no veterinary treatment required.