STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Waikato Racing Club Date: Monday, 28 October 2013

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

Stewards: J Oatham (Chairman), M Williamson, W Robinson, B Jones

Typist: P Laboyrie

GENERAL:

No issues to report.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing: BIOLOGIST, A L'ORANGE, CELTIC CHIEF, BRAVE CENTAUR, YIN YANG MASTER, LE BON FIN, UP

THE ANTE, BOUNDING, SPELLBINDER, BEAUTY SHOW, SWORNTOPERFECTION, FREEDOM

All runners in Race 7 were pre-race blood tested.

Suspensions: Race 6 T Thornton BAGSAGOLD

Careless riding 1200 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 31/10-6/11 incl, 4 days

Race 8 M Hills LADY CHAPEL

Careless riding 250 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 31/10-8/11 incl, 5 days

Protests: Race 8 STITCHENTYNE (4th) v's LADY CHAPEL (2nd)

[Rule 642) Interference 250 metres - upheld

Fines: Race 2 K & B Hawtin SOPHIE'S GEM

\$500 [Rule 614(2)] Neglect in saddling (omitted lead bag)

Race 3 M Cheung MY SCOTSGREY

\$150 [Rule 638(3)(b)] Excessive use of whip

Race 5 J Bell STORMING THE TOWER

\$50 [Rule 616(3)] Presented without notified gear (blinkers)

Race 9 R Hutchings TRUE LIGHT

\$100 [Rule 330(3)(c)] Failure to make weight

Warnings: Race 10 K Joyce FREEDOM

Shifting ground 1300 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]

Bleeders: Nil

Horse Actions: Race 7 COSMIC CUBE - required to barrier trial prior to racing next

Medical Certificates: Nil

Rider Changes: Race 3 CAPONE, L Innes replaced J Riddell (transport difficulties)

8 **VOLKSBELLE**, M Cameron replaced R Hutchings (over-weight)

Late Scratchings: Race 7 **COSMIC CUBE**, 3.31 pm at start

8 ANGEL'S SHARE, 2.47 pm vet advice

9 STELLA, 8.22am vet advice

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 THE GAYE MCCLUNIE BLOODSTOCK 1600

HIGH TOWER (C Grylls) was slow to begin.

FAST PROFIT (M Du Plessis) blundered leaving the barriers and was further hampered when runners to either side shifted ground.

SOUND (M Cameron) shifted in leaving the barriers further hampering **SIR AL SYD** (L Callaway) which had begun awkwardly.

GRACE O'MALLEY (M Wenn) was held up rounding the final turn, and made slight contact with **FAST PROFIT** when shifting out to obtain clear running near the 400 metres.

BIOLOGIST (M McNab) made the final turn awkwardly.

HANNAH MARY (L Magorrian) raced three wide without cover throughout.

Race 2

CHRIS WOOD RACING STABLES 1600

Trainers K and B Hawtin were fined \$500 after omitting the lead bag when saddling **SOPHIE'S GEM** (M Hills). **SOPHIE'S GEM** was re-saddled with the correct gear prior to racing.

BLACK HENNESSY (O Bosson) and CELTIC CHIEF (M Du Plessis) both jumped away awkwardly.

CELTIC STAR (R Smyth) blundered leaving the barriers.

CELTIC STAR over-raced badly when being restrained near the 1300 metres getting its head up and racing ungenerously making contact with the running rail for a distance.

BELINDA'S GIRL (M Cheung) raced three wide without cover.

CELTIC STAR again raced ungenerously for a distance when being steadied passing the 800 metres.

SOPHIE'S GEM was held up approaching the 400 metres.

NGATIRA GOLD (T Thornton) had a tendency to lay in away from **SOPHIE'S GEM** early in the final straight crowding **DON ENVY** (M Sweeney) near the 250 metres.

SOPHIE'S GEM was hampered approaching the 100 metres when **SEAMS LIKE MAGIC** (R Hutchings) lay out under pressure. R Hutchings was advised to exercise more care.

SOPHIE'S GEM returned to the enclosure with a trickle of blood in the left nostril which was found to be from a minor laceration.

A post-race veterinary examination of **KING'S ROCK** (M Cameron) which raced disappointingly did not reveal any abnormality. Rider M Cameron was unable to offer any excuses advising that the colt had felt flat throughout the running. Trainer J Bridgman advised that **KING'S ROCK** had travelled to Wellington with the intention of running in the Wellington Guineas the previous Saturday (26 October), but had been scratched due to the heavy track conditions at that venue. Mr Bridgman further stated that in his opinion the colt at this stage of his career may have felt the effects of the travelling although it had appeared to return to his stable in good order and had eaten up. Mr Bridgman also advised that he would have the colt further checked out on return to his stable, and if no issues were apparent he would be giving consideration to freshening **KING'S ROCK**.

Race 3

SEAFOOD BAZAAR 1600

J Riddell advised that due to transport difficulties he was unable to arrive on course for his ride in this race and was replaced by L Innes on **CAPONE**.

MY SCOTSGREY (M Cheung) was slow to begin (3L).

HAPPY GUYS (M Coleman) was slow away.

NOBLE WARRIOR (R Norvall) raced three wide without cover throughout.

When questioned regarding the poor performance of **HAPPY GUYS** rider M Coleman was of the opinion that the gelding had felt the firm nature of the footing in combination with its top weight. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality other than the gelding having an elevated heart rate.

Race 4

THE LAWRENSON GROUP 2100

GO PADDY (D Nolan) and **PROLOGUE** (L Innes) came together when jumping away. **GO PADDY** was then further hampered by **BALLYPIPER** (A Collett) which lay out leaving the barriers.

GOLDIE CANTRIDE (S Collett) and DAISY LOUISE (M Dee) were both slow to begin.

EGG (D Hain) over-raced when being restrained near the 1800 metres.

UNBEKNOWN (C Grylls) raced wide without cover until improving forward to lead near the 1500 metres.

Race 5

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Mr J Bell the trainer of **STORMING THE TOWER** was fined \$50 after presenting the gelding without notified gear (blinkers). **STORMING THE TOWER** (B R Jones) and **HYDROGEN** (O Bosson) were both slow to begin.

LE BON FIN (M Dee) began a little awkwardly, and was further hampered by **SAINT COLUMBU** (M Hills) which was taken out by **BOUVIER** (M Wenn) leaving the barriers.

GUESS WHAT (N Harris) got its head up when being steadied off the heels of **HYDROGEN** (O Bosson) approaching the 1600 metres.

MR KANTON (A Forbes) raced three wide without cover from the 1400 metres.

MORE THAN SACRED (L Innes) made contact with **SAINT COLUMBU** when unsuccessfully attempting to obtain clear running passing the 400 metres. **MORE THAN SACRED** then continued to be badly held up for the remainder of the race and went to the line untested.

GUESS WHAT was also unable to obtain clear running for the length of the final straight.

TRAVELLER (M Du Plessis) had a tendency to shift ground under pressure in the final straight.

CAPO (T Thornton) was held up between the 300 metres and the 100 metres.

When questioned regarding the improved performance of **LE BON FIN** trainer Mr T Autridge advised the gelding had suffered a set-back after running second at the Waikato Racing Club's meeting in July, and had run well when unluckly resuming when racing again at Waikato in October. Mr Autridge further advised that at its most recent run at Matamata he had been disappointed with the performance of **LE BON FIN** but had been confident of an improved run today although the gelding was somewhat of an unknown quantity on improved track conditions.

Race 6

SHEEZ ALL HEART (R Myers) was very slow to begin (3L).

INCREDITABLE HULK (M Du Plessis) was slow to begin.

RACQUETOR (C Grylls) jumped away awkwardly.

VANILLA LAD (M McNab) jumped away awkwardly and shifted out hampering **LADY CUMQUAT** (M Hills) which had been slow away.

BENGHAAZI BURNER (S Spratt) which had been fractious in the barriers was slow away.

HEARTS'N'SPADES (J Riddell) over-raced passing the 1200 metres.

T Thornton admitted a breach of careless riding in that near the 1200 metres she permitted her mount **BAGSAGOLD** to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear of **BENGHAAZI BURNER** which was checked. After hearing submissions T Thornton was suspended by the Judicial Committee from the conclusion of racing on Wednesday 30 October up to and including racing on Wednesday 6 November, 4 riding days.

INCREDITABLE HULK (M Du Plessis) raced three wide without cover.

RACQUETOR made the bend near the 800 metres awkwardly and when having to be steadied dropped back on to **LADY CUMQUAT** which was hampered.

LADY CUMQUAT was held up rounding the final turn and had to be steadied when becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of **AFTER MIDNIGHT** (R Norvall) approaching the 400 metres. **LADY CUMQUAT** then had difficulty obtaining clear running until inside the final 200 metres.

Race 7 JAMES & ANNIE SARTEN MEMORIAL STAKES

COSMIC CUBE (O Bosson) was declared a late scratching at 3.31 pm after becoming fractious in the barriers, rearing, getting its front legs over the front of the barriers and flipping over backwards becoming briefly cast before escaping over the back gate of the barriers. Co-trainer Mr G Rogerson was advised that **COSMIC CUBE** must barrier trial to the satisfaction of a Stipendiary Steward prior to racing next. O Bosson was examined by the Club's doctor and cleared fit to continue riding.

ALLEZ EAGLE (L Innes) which was in an adjacent barrier stall underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was cleared fit to race.

ALLEZ EAGLE (L Innes) was slow away.

MISS MOSSMAN, FARM BOY and MISS FOXWOOD all began awkwardly.

When recovering from its poor beginning, **FARM BOY** commenced to over-race, and improved to the inside of **SPELLBINDER**. Approaching the 1200 metres **BOUNDING**, which was racing outside the leader after crossing **SPELLBINDER**, was eased. **SPELLBINDER**, which had commenced to race keenly, then had to be steadied when becoming awkwardly placed inside the heels of **BOUNDING**, getting its head up and making contact with **FARM BOY** resulting in both of those runners becoming unbalanced and causing crowding to **VITESSE ROSE** which was severely checked. Hampered as a result of this incident were **MISS FOXWOOD**, **GIRL OF MY DREAMS**, **MISS MOSSMAN**, **ALLEZ Eagle** and **GOBI RANGER**. After questioning riders and viewing video footage at length Stipendiary Stewards were satisfied that no rider could be held blameworthy for this incident.

A'LAROSE (A Collett) raced keenly in the lead through the middle stages. **FARM BOY** (K Leung) which was racing in the trail over-raced badly through the middle stages.

GOBI RANGER had difficulty obtaining clear running early in the final straight.

Following the race **ALLEZ EAGLE** required veterinary attention for a laceration to the right foreleg suffered during the running.

Race 8 CAMBRIDGE TRAINING COMPLEX 1200

ANGEL'S SHARE was declared a late scratching at 2.47 pm on veterinary advice after being injured en route to the races. With R Hutchings being 0.5 kg over-weight the connections of **VOLKSBELLE** opted to replace him with M Cameron.

VOLKSBELLE (M Cameron) began awkwardly.

ANNIEITIZ (R Myers) was crowded leaving the barriers.

A protest was lodged by the Stipendiary Stewards alleging interference by the second placed horse **LADY CHAPEL** (M Hills) to the fourth placed horse **STITCHENTYNE** (L Innes) passing the 250 metres. After viewing video footage and hearing all relevant submissions the Judicial Committee upheld the protest relegating **LADY CHAPEL** to fourth placing with final placings now reading 1 **BEAUTY SHOW** (C Grylls) first, 5 **HOT IN PINK** (M Du Plessis) second, 3 **STITCHENTYNE** third, 9 **LADY CHAPEL** fourth. M Hills admitted a subsequent breach of careless riding in that he angled his mount **LADY CHAPEL** outwards causing interference to **STITCHENTYNE** and was suspended from the conclusion of racing on Wednesday 30 October up to and including racing on Friday 8 November, 5 riding days.

Race 9 THE READY TO RUN SALE 1600

STELLA was declared a late scratching at 8.22am due to an elevated temperature.

R Hutchings was unable to make the weight for **TRUE LIGHT** being replaced by C Grylls. R Hutchings was fined \$100.

BIG VOICES (M Cameron) began awkwardly and was further hampered by **TOKOMUTU JUDGE** (M Sweeney) which knuckled and shifted out leaving the barriers. Also inconvenienced as a result was **COSTUME** (M Du Plessis).

SAKI HOUSE (R Myers) was slow away.

SHEBANG (M Wenn) lay out rounding the final turn making contact with the hind quarters of DOMINEER (M Coleman) near

the 400 metres unbalancing that runner. SHEBANG continued to have a tendency to lay out throughout the final straight.

Race 10 BNZ PARTNERS 1600

POSY (L Innes) began awkwardly getting its head up and losing ground (4L).

MISTAAR (S Spratt) began awkwardly hampering ROSE OF VIRGINIA (M Coleman) and FREEDOM (K Joyce).

FREEDOM over-raced in the early and middle stages, and shifted in when being steadied passing the 1300 metres when not fully clear of **OUI** (T Thornton) which had to be restrained. K Joyce was issued with a warning.

BURNT ORANGE (M Du Plessis) and **SOVEREIGN ROSE** (M Cameron) over-raced in the early to middle stages with **BURNT ORANGE** racing three wide without cover.

POSY had some difficulty obtaining clear running early in the final straight.

CLARA JANE (R Hutchings) was held up near the 200 metres and when shifting out to obtain clear running made contact with **AUGUSTA NATIONAL** (M Hills) taking that runner wider on the track inconveniencing **BURNT ORANGE**. R Hutchings was advised to exercise more care.

When questioned regarding the performance of **BURNT ORANGE** rider M Du Plessis advised that the gelding had refused to settle early and once placed under pressure near the 600 metres had failed to respond as expected. Trainer S McKee advised that he would now be looking to remove the side winkers from the gelding's gear. A post-race veterinary examination of **BURNT ORANGE** did not reveal any abnormality.