STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Auckland Racing Club Date: Sunday 26 January 2014

Weather: Showery

Track: Good(3), downgraded to Dead(4) after Race 2, Slow(7) after Race 3

Rail: 2 Metres

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

Typist: M Gemmell

GENERAL:

A Collett did not attend the meeting after suffering a fall at the Rotorua Meeting on Friday 24 January 2014.

SUPPLEMENTARY:

Wellington Racing Club – Saturday 25 January 2014

Race 10 - John Turkington Forestry Duoro Cup

R Hutchings admitted a charge of excessive use of the whip on his mount BEYOND BELIEF and was fined \$175.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing: EQUANIMITY, DEANE MARTIN, LION RED, SPELLBINDER, HERA, SIMBAAH, VESPA,

RIDING SHOTGUN, O'MARILYN, TAKE CHARGE

Suspensions: Nil

Protests: Nil

Fines: Race 10 Wellington Racing Club – 25 January 2014

R Hutchings BEYOND BELIEF

Excessive use of the whip [Rule 638(3)(b)] Fined \$175

Warnings: Nil

Bleeders: Nil

Horse Actions: Race 3 TOUCHE, cardiac arrhythmia, required to trial and provide vet cert of fitness

Medical Certificates: Issued to K McEvoy

Rider Changes: Race 1 LION RED, L Innes replaced A Collett

Race 6 HABITUAL OFFENDER, J Riddell replaced K McEvoy (injured)

Late Scratchings: The following runners were late scratched following the downgrade in track

conditions:

Race 4 ALTIUS, 6.21pm

Race 4 ELUSIVE UNICORN, 6.23pm Race 6 EASTERN DRAGON, 6.23pm

Race 6 FEROZ, 6.33pm

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 Pencarrow Stud 1400

GARLAND (L Innes) was a little slow to begin.

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED (K McEvoy) began awkwardly.

Passing the 1200 metres **WAZUNGU** (O Bosson) got its head up when being restrained when in restricted room to the inside of **CHOCOLAT** (M Sweeney) which raced ungenerously for a distance.

GARDONE (T Thornton) raced wide without cover throughout.

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

T Berry reported that his mount **KNIGHT WAGER** had hung outwards throughout in its first race on a right handed track.

Race 2 The Westbury Karaka Stayers Cup

L Innes replaced A Collett on LION RED.

HOLY SMOKE (M Walker) began awkwardly and was further hampered when crowded shortly after.

DEANE MARTIN (T Berry) was a little slow to begin.

Shortly after the start **HER TO ETERNITY** (K Myers) had to steady when racing in restricted room to the inside of **BALLYBIT** (R Hutchings) which shifted away from **MOSQUITO** (J McDonald).

UNDERTHERADAR (R Myers) raced wide in the early stages before being allowed to work forward to sit outside the leader passing the 1600 metres.

MAKERS MARK (M Dee) had to be steadied when improving up on to heels near the 1400 metres going back on to GO JOELI (M Du Plessis) which raced ungenerously when being restrained and in turn dropped back on to BALLYBIT. GO JOELI and BALLYBIT were then inclined to over-race for a distance.

DEANE MARTIN raced three wide without cover until improving forward to lead near the 1100 metres.

CHAPARRONE (D Johnson) was held up passing the 450 metres and continued to have difficulty obtaining clear running until near the 250 metres.

Race 3 New Zealand Bloodstock Insurance Karaka 3YO Mile

Prior to the running of this race the track was downgraded to Dead (4).

CHIPANDCHASE (D Johnson) was hampered when leaving the barriers losing ground.

DESCHABEEL (T Berry) and **BERGERAC** (R Smyth) were both slow to begin.

SPELLBINDER (M Cameron) over-raced when being steadied approaching the 1000 metres.

I'MDAONE (M Du Plessis) raced ungenerously through the middle stages.

ENLIGHTENED KNIGHT (R Hutchings) got its head up and raced ungenerously near the 800 metres.

ENLIGHTENED KNIGHT raced greenly in the final straight and when Rider R Hutchings was swapping his whip into the left hand near the 300 metres ducked outwards abruptly.

LAMBORGHINI was not persevered with over the final 300 metres when well beaten. Rider O Bosson advised that the gelding had failed to handle the existing track conditions.

TOUCHE required veterinary attention following the race after pulling up in a distressed condition. **TOUCHE** was found to be suffering from cardiac arrhythmia and is now required to trial and provide a veterinary certificate of fitness prior to racing next.

Following this race which was run in heavy rain the track was downgraded to Slow(7).

Race 4 Curraghmore Stud 1200

ROUGH COPY (T Berry) and **CASHFIELD** (O Bosson) were both slow to begin.

BLACK RUSSIAN (C Grylls) was a little slow to begin and then was crowded by **DEMANDZ** (K McEvoy) which shifted in slightly.

JAFA JILL (B Grylls) began awkwardly, shifting out.

JAFA JILL lay in near the 350 metres hampering FELICITY HALL (M Cameron).

CASHFIELD had a tendency to race greenly throughout with Rider O Bosson advising that the gelding had not felt comfortable in the track conditions.

Race 5 Karaka Million

Permission was granted for the blinkers to be removed from **PERKINS** for today's race due to the track conditions. **WAY IN** (T Berry) was slow away.

STACCATO (M Walker) began a little awkwardly making contact with O'MARILYN (S Spratt) and shortly after the start attempted to buck losing considerable ground. When questioned Rider M Walker advised that the saddle had shifted backwards when jumping away. Co-trainer Mr G Rogerson indicated that STACCATO was now likely to be spelled. Near the 1000 metres MASSALE (K McEvoy) raced in restricted room to the inside of JACKOFALL (J Riddell) and steadied dropping back on to COACHELLA (M Cameron) which was over-racing and PRINCE MAMBO (C Grylls) which was also racing keenly with both those runners having to be firmly restrained by their riders. Also hampered as a result was LONGCHAMP (B Lammas). After questioning riders and viewing video footage at length which was inclusive no further action was taken on this occasion other than to remind J Riddell of his obligations to ensure that he leaves sufficient room for runners to his inside. Contributing to the incident was some inward pressure from RIDING SHOTGUN (L Innes) which was racing to the outside of PRINCE MAMBO and receiving pressure from DRAGON LAIR (N Callow) which was laying in away from PERKINS (O Bosson).

Passing the 800 metres MASSALE which was being ridden forward when attempting to maintain its position to the inside of RIDING SHOTGUN received some pressure from that runner which was again receiving pressure from DRAGON LAIR to its outside which had commenced to over-race and again lay in away from PERKINS. MASSALE then reacted poorly when making contact with the running rail and went off balance, lost its footing behind and fell dislodging a portion of the running rail after making contact with several of the uprights. Hampered by the fallen runner to varying degrees were O'MARILYN (S Spratt), PRINCE MAMBO, COACHELLA, LONGCHAMP and SEREIN (R Hutchings). Rider K McEvoy was examined by the Course Doctor and found to have a minor knee injury being advised that he requires a medical clearance prior to riding next. MASSALE required veterinary attention for lacerations to the right knee and a puncture wound to the right hind stifle. K McEvoy was stood down from his remaining ride.

PERKINS and DIVISSIMA raced wide without cover throughout.

Race 6 The Oaks Stud Mile

J Riddell replaced K McEvoy on HABITUAL OFFENDER.

MACCOOL (M Du Plessis) began awkwardly losing considerable ground.

HABITUAL OFFENDER (J Riddell) began awkwardly losing ground.

BITETHEBULLET (C Grylls) was slow to begin.

VIA DOLOROSA (S Spratt) began a little awkwardly and was further hampered when crowded.

SACRED SPIN (L Innes) had to be steadied near the 1100 metres.