STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Counties Racing Club Date: Friday, 28 March 2014

Weather: Fine

Track: Dead(4), upgraded to Good(3) after R3

Rail: True

Stewards: A Coles (Chairman), W Robinson, B Jones

Typist: P Laboyrie

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

CURTAIN CALL (Race 1) was late scratched at 8.45 am due to a miscommunication.

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

Nil

SUMMARY:

Swabbing: SPEEDY JAX, EDGE OF FAME, ONE COOL MESSAGE, MANIKYA, DREAMWORLD, POSTNTHYME

Suspensions: Nil

Protests: Nil

Fines: Nil

Warnings: Nil

Bleeders: Nil

Horse Actions: Nil

Medical Certificates: Received covering M Du Plessis

Rider Changes: Nil
Late Scratching: Nil

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 FRANKLIN RACING @ ALEXANDRA PARK 11 APRIL 2100

XINGYUN BA (B R Jones) began awkwardly shifting out crowding **BY GOLLY** (M Sweeney) and **SIR MANAWA** (D Johnson) with both those runners losing ground.

FOUR BARONESSES (S Spratt) over-raced badly in the early stages and had to be firmly restrained off the heels of **SPEEDY JAX** (B Grylls) when making the crossing near the 1700 metres awkwardly.

Approaching the 1600 metres **EL TYSON** (S Collett) had to steady off the heels of **FOUR BARONESSES** which was racing ungenerously.

EL TYSON raced wide without cover throughout.

The favourite **CARINATA** (R Smyth) was held up for clear running until passing the 300 metres, and only ran on fairly in the final straight. When questioned R Smyth could offer no reason for the mare's performance. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer A Johnson informed the Stewards that the mare would now be spelled. Approaching the 250 metres **EL TYSON** had to steady when awkwardly placed on the heels of **SPEEDY JAX** which shifted out

under pressure.

Race 2 H R FISKEN & SONS LTD 1200

EMILYS OWN (T Thornton) became fractious in the saddling stalls and had a small amount of blood in a nostril. A pre-race veterinary examination found the mare to have a minor laceration in this area. The Stewards requested the mare undergo a veterinary examination at the start after she had done its preliminary, and was passed fit to race.

BOLSHOI (S Collett) jumped away awkwardly then was further hampered when DAN THE MAN (R Smyth) shifted in forcing

BONETE (S Spratt) inwards causing crowding to **BOLSHOI** which lost ground.

EMILYS OWN and EMMUSKA (L Magorrian) came together on jumping away.

EDGE OF FAME (J Wong) over-raced in the early stages.

BOLSHOI and BONETE both made the 800 metre bend awkwardly.

Approaching the 100 metres **EMMUSKA** had to steady when attempting a tight run between **EMILYS OWN** and **EDGE OF FAME** when both those runners shifted ground.

The connections of the fourth placed runner **FULLY ON** (D Johnson) wished to view the videos as to lodging a protest alleging interference by the second placed runner **EMILYS OWN** which was taken in by **EDGE OF FAME** which was laying in under pressure. After viewing all relevant videos the connections elected not to proceed.

When questioned into the improved performance of **EDGE OF FAME** trainer K Morton advised the Stewards that the mare had been working well leading up to today's meeting, and also with the apprentice allowance and the addition of blinkers may have contributed to the improved performance.

The favourite **BLISS STREET** (M Du Plessis) raced mid field and when placed under pressure in the final straight was unable to quicken. Rider M Du Plessis reported that the mare may be feeling the effects of recent racing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Race 3 NZ MOTORSPORT PARK 1200

ZABINELLA (S Collett) jumped away awkwardly.

BRONDAN (B R Jones) was slow to begin.

THE LINK (J Oliver) began awkwardly and then over-raced through the early stages.

BRONDAN raced keenly in the early and middle stages, and raced wide without cover throughout.

ZABINELLA had difficulty obtaining clear racing room until passing the 150 metres having to shift out across heels.

Race 4 FRANKLIN LONG ROOFING LTD 1300

CRUISEO (M Du Plessis) jumped away awkwardly losing ground.

ZAMBARI (T Thornton) over-raced in the early and middle stages.

MANIKYA (B Grylls) was held up early in the final straight.

SKYLLA (R Hutchings) was unable to obtain clear running until inside the final 200 metres.

ZAMBARI had difficulty obtaining clear running until passing the 200 metres.

Passing the 150 metres **MANIKYA** shifted out under pressure making contact on two occasions with **FLYING BRIAR** (B R Jones). **MANIKYA** then continued to race greenly shifting back in inconveniencing **VALLI COUNT** (S Collett) over the concluding stages.

Race 5 PETER & DAWN WILLIAMS RACING STABLES 1600

OVER THE DITCH (S Collett) stumbled on jumping away.

FOREVERMORE (V Colgan) was held up for clear running until passing the 300 metres.

Race 6 MANUREWA COSMOPOLITAN CLUB 1600

ASTARDIA (C Grylls) was slow to begin.

RIBBONY ROSE (R Norvall) jumped away awkwardly and then raced ungenerously through the early and middle stages.

ASTARDIA got its head up when over-racing in the middle stages.

FIRST RESPONSE (K Joyce) got its head up when over-racing in the early stages, and then passing the 1200 metres had to steady off the heels of **POSTNTHYME** (M Coleman), and then continued to over-race for a distance.

SAKOLOGY (K Myers) raced greenly throughout, and was inclined to lay out in the final 200 metres when placed under pressure.