STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Racing Te Aroha Date: Saturday 5 April 2014

Weather: Fine

Track: Dead(5), upgraded to Dead(4) after R6

Rail: True

Stewards: J Oatham (Chairman), A Coles, M Williamson, W Robinson

Typist: P Laboyrie

GENERAL:

No issues to report.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing: HE'S DAN, ZUCCATO, BEAUTY'S BEAST, KLITSCHKO, JAGERSFONTEIN, TEMPELTEN, LA VALETA,

VIADANA, RECITE, CHINTZ, JUBILATE

Suspensions: Nil

Protests: Nil

Fines: Race 4 Mr L Noble AUGUSTA NATIONAL

\$50 [Rule 616(2)] Presented with incorrect gear (blinkers)

7 C Grylls VIADANA

\$250 [Rule 638(2)] Made celebratory gesture prior to winning post

Warnings: Nil

Bleeders: Nil

Horse Actions: Race 4 ABSOLUTELY SACRED – vet cert of fitness required prior to racing next

Medical Certificates: Nil

Rider Changes: Nil

Late Scratchings: Race 7 **OPEN 'N' SHUT** – at 4.12 pm on vet advice

7 **SEA MAJOR** (non-starter) – denied fair start (starting gate malfunction)

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 SUPER LIQUOR TE AROHA 1600

Shortly after the start **BURMA** (L Innes) shifted away from **HE'S DAN** (A Jones) crowding **NGATIRA GOLD** (S Spratt) which was steadied.

TIARA CONCERTO (N Harris) was held up passing the 500 metres then being unable to obtain clear running until inside the final 100 metres.

HE'S DAN was held up early in the final straight until shifting outwards across the heels of **LESLIE'S LEGACY** (K Myers) to obtain clear running passing the 300 metres.

T Wenn (BIG BANG BABY) dropped her whip near the 350 metres.

HARMONIZE (V Colgan) was briefly held up near the 300 metres and further inconvenienced near the 150 metres when **BIG BANG BABY** shifted inwards away from runners to its outside when weakening.

MAT DILLON (D Johnson) which was inclined to shift ground under pressure in the final straight shifted outwards over the concluding stages crowding **TIARA CONCERTO** on to **BURMA** just short of the finish.

M Du Plessis the rider of **DEZIGNATOR** which disappointed advised that the colt had travelled comfortably until placed under pressure failing to respond to his riding.

Race 2 PIAKO RURAL SERVICES 1200

VAVASOUR (D Johnson) knuckled leaving the barriers.

METTLESOME (R Hutchings) began awkwardly losing ground.

THUNDER LADY (M Coleman) and TRES RAPIDE (B R Jones) began awkwardly coming together.

TRES RAPIDE raced ungenerously when being steadied in the early stages then had a tendency to hang out through the middle stages.

Approaching the 500 metres VAVASOUR shifted out to obtain clear running taking TRES RAPIDE, which continued to hang

outwards away from **VAVASOUR**, wider on the track. **TRES RAPIDE** then raced greenly when placed under pressure in the final straight.

Race 3 TOWES INSURANCE BROKERS 1400

MATAGOURI (C Grylls) began awkwardly losing ground. **MATAGOURI** then raced ungenerously in the early and middle stages.

SAKHEE'S SOLDIER (D Johnson) lost the right hind plate during the running.

Race 4 TE AROHA PLUMBING & DRAINAGE LTD 1400

Trainer Mr L Noble was fined \$50 after presenting **AUGUSTA NATIONAL** (C Grylls) with gear which had not been notified (blinkers).

THE MIG (T Wenn) was slow to begin.

OUR FOXY LADY (M Coleman) began awkwardly.

LUCKY COUNTRY (K Leung) was a little slow to begin.

Passing the 1000 metres **VIBRANT** (S Spratt) and **GOLD HUNTER** (M Sweeney) commenced to over-race with **GOLD HUNTER** having to be firmly restrained to avoid the heels of **VIBRANT** for a distance. **KLITSCHKO** (N Harris) which was following had to steady as a result.

ADDICTIVE HABIT (M Du Plessis) had to be steadied after improving up on to the heels of **AUGUSTA NATIONAL** near the 850 metres.

THE MIG had to be steadied when over-racing near the 800 metres.

SONATA (D Johnson) shifted outwards across the heels of **ABSOLUTELY SACRED** (L Innes) to obtain clear running near the 300 metres taking **UNCLE SUGAR** (K Myers) over extra ground. **KLITSCHKO** was briefly inconvenienced as a result before shifting to the outside of **UNCLE SUGAR** to obtain clear running.

When questioned regarding the performance of **ABSOLUTELY SACRED** which was eased down over the final 100 metres rider L Innes advised that the gelding had been making abnormal breathing noises. A post-race veterinary examination found the gelding to have pulled up in a mildly distressed condition with co-trainer Mr T Pike being advised that a veterinary certificate of fitness is required prior to **ABSOLUTELY SACRED** racing next. Mr Pike indicated that **ABSOLUTELY SACRED** would now be freshened.

Race 5 FIRST CREDIT UNION 2200

I'LL'AVA'ALF ((A Jones), CONCHITA (D Johnson) and DANCING EMBERS (L Magorrian) all began awkwardly.

CHAZELLE (L Innes) began awkwardly before being further inconvenienced by **NOTHING TRIVIAL** (N Harris) which shifted outwards slightly.

Passing the 1900 metres **KILLARNEY KID** (V Colgan) and **NOTHING TRIVIAL** over-raced when being restrained shifting back on to **I'LL'AVA'ALF** and **MAPMAKER** (B R Jones) which were both hampered. **I'LL'AVA'ALF** then over-raced for a distance.

KENDOKA (M Du Plessis) hung outwards rounding the final turn running wide on the track.

CONCHITA was eased down in the final straight when well beaten. Rider D Johnson advised that the mare appeared to have pulled up well, and was unable to offer any excuses for its performance.

When questioned regarding the poor performance of **CHAZELLE** rider L Innes advised that after a tardy beginning the mare had never travelled well. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr J Collett advised that he would be giving consideration to sending **CHAZELLE** for a spell.

Race 6 J SWAP CONTRACTORS TE AROHA CUP 2200

IRA BEAN (K Leung) began awkwardly before being further hampered when crowded by **TEMPELTEN** (R Hutchings) which was taken in by **MONEYTREE** (M Coleman).

CARLOTTA (T Wenn) began awkwardly losing ground.

IRA BEAN raced in restricted room to the inside of **CARLOTTA** for a short distance passing the 2000 metres before racing ungenerously when being steadied.

RE DEEL (M Du Plessis) raced a little ungenerously approaching the crossing near the 1800 metres.

EL SOLDADO (B R Jones) raced three wide without cover before improving forward to sit outside the leader approaching the 1200 metres.

When questioned regarding the performance of **PRINCESS KYOTO** which was eased down in the final straight rider K Myers advised that the mare had raced keenly in a fresh state on a solid pace, and had been quickly beaten once placed under pressure near the 600 metres. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

D Johnson the rider of **BEYOND DESIRE** reported that her mount had felt indifferent in its action over the final stages. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

After this race the track was upgraded to Dead(4).

Race 7 TEAM WEALLEANS 1200

OPEN 'N' SHUT was declared a late scratching at 4.12 pm acting on veterinary advice as the gelding had suffered a superficial injury in the tie-up stalls when being saddled.

SEA MAJOR (M Sweeney) was slow to begin losing considerable ground.

WITZ END (K Myers), VINCENT STREET (N Harris) and DEO VOLENTE (D Johnson) all began awkwardly losing ground.

DEO VOLENTE raced wide without cover for the majority of the race.

SEA MAJOR was held up near the 300 metres.

Immediately following the race the siren was sounded and a request for a ruling filed with the Judicial Committee as it was apparent when viewing video footage that the barrier gate of **SEA MAJOR** had not opened correctly in conjunction with the rest of the field. After viewing video footage and hearing submissions the Judicial Committee declared **SEA MAJOR** to be a non-starter under the provisions of Rule 632 with all bets on that runner to be refunded accordingly. Prior to the next race the starting gates were tested on numerous occasions and found to be operating correctly.

Race 8 FIBER FRESH NEW ZEALAND THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS' STAKES

READY STEADY (D Johnson) and **COSTUME** (N Harris) both began awkwardly losing ground.

SECRET'S ONLY (S Spratt) raced three wide without cover throughout.

Rider C Grylls (VIADANA) was fined \$250 after making a celebratory gesture prior to passing the winning post.

Race 9 SILVER FERN FARMS 1400

LITTLE WONDER (S Spratt) shifted outwards abruptly leaving the barriers further inconveniencing **INDIKATOR** (T Wenn) which had been slow to begin.

LITTLE ALFIE BROWN (R Norvall) and NEEDLLY (D Johnson) were slow to begin.

CAPONE (B Hutton) raced keenly through the middle stages, and passing the 900 metres made the bend awkwardly with **WORTHING** (K Myers) becoming awkwardly placed on that runner's heels having to be steadied.

LITTLE WONDER was held up until near the 200 metres.

LITTLE WONDER ducked outwards just short of the finish being corrected by its rider.

ROLLOUT THE CARPET returned to the enclosure with a superficial laceration to the left hind leg.