STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Matamata Racing Club Date: Wednesday, 7 May 2014

Weather: Overcast becoming showery

Track: Slow(9)
Rail: 9.5 Metres

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

Typist: P Laboyrie

GENERAL:

Stewards were advised that Apprentice Rider A Forbes was unwell and not able to attend the meeting today. A Forbes is to provide a medical clearance prior to riding next.

SUPPLEMENTARY:

Nil

SUMMARY:

Swabbing: SOPHISTICATE, EL BANDIDO, ROCKET QUEEN, FLOSSY THE CAT, SAYWHEN, SECRET WHISPER,

WHATZ OCCURRING, SIR ELMO

Suspensions: Nil

Protests: Race 2 DOIKNOWYOU 3RD v OOMPA 2nd – upheld

Fines: Race 3 Mr T Mitchell OUR PRINCESS ZARA

[Rule 616(3)] Presented to race without notified gear (Side Winkers). Fined \$50

Warnings: Race 2 M Ulucinar OOMPA

[Rule 638(1)(d)] Shifting ground final straight

Bleeders: Nil

Horse Actions: Race 1 ROOF OF RECKONING – must barrier trial prior to racing next

Medical Certificates: Nil

Rider Changes: Race 1 RED ON BLACK – K Myers replaced A Forbes (unwell)

6 SECRET WHISPER – M Coleman replaced A Forbes

Late Scratching: Race 1 ROOF OF RECKONING – 12.26 pm at start on vet advice

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 BDC PAINTS 2100

ROOF OF RECKONING (U Holmquist) became fractious and sat down in the barriers. **ROOF OF RECKONING** was removed to undergo a veterinary inspection, being declared a late scratching at 12.26 pm acting on veterinary advice. Trainer Ms E Shattock was advised that **ROOF OF RECKONING** must barrier trial to the satisfaction of a Stipendiary Steward prior to racing next.

FIREPOWER (M Cameron) lay out leaving the barriers, inconveniencing SWEET MOLLY (S Collett).

Race 2 BROADWAY MOTEL 1400

JOHNNY THE JET (L Satherley) began awkwardly, shifting outwards, hampering **INNER NINJA** (B Grylls) and **LORD SHIVA** (M Coleman) which both lost ground.

OOMPA (M Ulucinar) shifted in leaving the barriers, hampering **TUKAWA** (D Johnson).

EL BANDIDO (K Myers) shifted out leaving the barriers, inconveniencing ASTROTURF (C Grylls).

LAZARUS (R Norvall) raced ungenerously when being steadied in the early stages.

OOMPA shifted out abruptly near the 1200 metres with **JOVAN** (M Du Plessis) shifting away from that runner. Inconvenienced as a result was **INNER NINJA**.

LAZARUS made the bend awkwardly passing the 800 metres.

JOVAN was inconvenienced passing the 500 metres when **DOIKNOWYOU** (N Harris) shifted out to avoid the heels of **OOMPA** which rolled in. **EL BANDIDO** then had to change ground outwards as a result.

OOMPA shifted out passing the 150 metres when struck with the whip in the left hand, inconveniencing **DOIKNOWYOU** which was forced wider on the track. **OOMPA** shifted out again near the 50 metres, further inconveniencing **DOIKNOWYOU**. Following the race a protest was lodged by the connections of the third placed horse **DOIKNOWYOU** against the second placed horse **OOMPA**. After viewing footage and hearing submissions the Judicial Committee upheld the protest with **OOMPA** being relegated to third placing, and final placings now reading 2 **EL BANDIDO** 1st, 1 **DOIKNOWYOU** 2nd, 7 **OOMPA** 3rd and 4 **EMPATHY** 4th. Apprentice M Ulucinar was advised that he must make a greater attempt to prevent his mounts shifting ground, and further advised a warning would be placed on his record

Race 3 PENCARROW STUD 1400

OUR PRINCESS ZARA (R Smyth) was presented to race without an item of its notified gear being Side Winkers. Trainer Mr T Mitchell was fined \$50.

BROKASH (S Collett) and SHOWSTOPPER (M Du Plessis) were both slow away.

OUR PRINCESS ZARA was crowded leaving the barriers by **CLIO** (K Myers) which shifted inwards after beginning awkwardly. Also inconvenienced was **HEIGH UP KEEP** (M Cameron).

SUGAR PLUM FAIRY (P Turner) over-raced when being restrained near the 1000 metres.

WAITOKI FLOWER (D Johnson) shifted out passing the 350 metres, inconveniencing **ROCKET QUEEN** (M Wenn) which was forced wider on the track.

WAITOKI FLOWER shifted out under pressure approaching the 100 metres, making contact with the hind quarters of **ROCKET QUEEN**.

Race 4 AA AUTO SERVICE & REPAIR MATAMATA 1200

RUBEE (R Norvall) shifted outwards abruptly leaving the barriers, hampering **RONGPHILLY** (S Collett) and making contact with **FLASH FORWARD** (M Coleman) which was forced on to **NATALIE** (M Cameron). **RONGPHILLY** lost considerable ground as a result (4L).

GOLD PROMISE (M Du Plessis) began awkwardly, shifting inwards, away from FLANDERS (M Sweeney).

Approaching the 800 metres **POWER STAR** (B Grylls) shifted out when being steadied with **NATALIE** becoming awkwardly placed on that runner's heels, shifting out abruptly, inconveniencing **CHANEL NUMBER FIVE** (K Myers) and **FLASH FORWARD** which were forced wider on the track.

FLOSSY THE CAT (P Turner) was inclined to lay out under pressure with **APRIL JOY** (J Jago) being inclined to shift away from that runner over the concluding stages.

Race 5 MATAMATA GLASS & JOINERY 1400

DEESSE DE LA MODE (R Hutchings) and **OKAY ANNIE** (D Johnson) both began awkwardly and came together.

Rider S Collett (SHEZ BUBBLY) was reminded of her obligations with the whip prior to the 200 metres.

When questioned regarding the performance of **MORENA** rider C Grylls advised that the filly had failed to handle the existing track conditions.

When questioned regarding the performance of **CENTRE STAGE** rider B R Jones advised that the filly had a break of four weeks from her last run, and he believed that **CENTRE STAGE** would improve with today's outing.

When questioned regarding the performance of **DEESSE DE LA MODE** rider R Hutchings could offer no tangible excuses.

Race 6 CHALLENGE MATAMATA 1400

JOKING (M Du Plessis) began awkwardly making contact with POPPAS DELIGHT (R Hutchings).

POPPAS DELIGHT raced keenly in the middle stages.

Race 7 THE BOLTHOLDER LIMITED 1600

JACKY PAPER (D Johnson) was slow away.

Approaching the 600 metres **IN FLIGHT** (C Grylls) shifted outwards slightly to avoid the heels of the weakening **I'MA COUNTRYGIRL** (P Turner) making contact with **JACKY PAPER** simultaneously as **HEARTS IN THE SKY** (A Jones) hung inwards, away from **ROYAL COMMAND** (K Myers) which was improving to its outside. As a result **JACKY PAPER** then became awkwardly placed on the heels of **HEARTS IN THE SKY** and blundered losing ground. A Jones was reprimanded and advised she must make a greater attempt to correct her horses when they are shifting ground.

A Jones (**HEARTS IN THE SKY**) dropped her whip near the 200 metres.

When questioned regarding the performance of **SACRED WINS** apprentice rider R Hutchings advised that the gelding had not been entirely comfortable in the existing track conditions.

Race 8 MATAMATA GLASS & JOINERY 2100

KICK BUTTOWSKI (S McKay) began awkwardly before making contact with APACHE FIREWORKS (S Collett) which shifted outwards jumping away. KICK BUTTOWSKI and APACHE FIREWORKS were both unbalanced as a result with KICK BUTTOWSKI then striking a heel of APACHE FIREWORKS and blundering.

PEARLS (M Du Plessis) raced keenly in the early stages.

Rider B R Jones (I'VE GOT FAITH) was reminded of his whip use prior to the 200 metres.