# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



#### **MEETING DETAILS:**

Club: Riverton Racing Club Date: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014

Weather: Fine
Track: Heavy 10
Rail: True

Stewards: M Davidson (Chairman), J McLaughlin and M Zarb

Typist: B Gutsell

### **GENERAL:**

Due to safety concerns the start position of the hurdle races today was moved forward approximately 80 metres therefore the distance of these races was closer to 2500 metres than the programmed 2600 metres. This information was disseminated to all concerned.

The Riverton Racing Club will program future hurdle races over the 2500 metre which was the approximate distance of today's race and not the 2600 metres as previously advertised.

Stewards questioned trainer M Hamilton regarding his starting **FLYING STORM** on a Heavy 10 track today when he had previously scratched the gelding following a track downgrade from Dead 6 to Heavy 10 at Omakau on the 28<sup>th</sup> February. Mr Hamilton explained that **FLYING STORM** had been entered for both Omakau and Cromwell and he did not want to run the gelding on a wet track twice within two days and therefore had opted to scratch **FLYING STORM** at Omakau. Mr Hamilton further added **FLYING STORM** would soon be embarking on a hurdling career and given our current weather conditions would need to get accustomed to racing on wetter tracks. The Stewards accepted Mr Hamilton's explanation.

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#### **SUMMARY:**

**Swabbing:** GARGAMEL, CECIL, THE ROOK, KEEP IT TIGHT, KILLA QUESTION, MCDONALD,

CROYDON, PHARELL, FLY ME TO DA MOON, INDY RULER.

Suspensions: Race Nil
Protests: Race Nil
Fines: Race Nil

Warnings: Race 6 S Muniandy (MCDONALD)

[Rule 638(3)(b)] – Use of the whip between the 400 metres and 200 metres.

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**Horse Actions:** Race 3 BORNTOBEIRISH – veterinary clearance required.

Race 4 PAKITIN PETE - veterinary clearance required.

**Race 7 WINNING GENES** – veterinary clearance received.

Medical Certificates: Nil
Rider Changes: Race Nil

**Late Scratchings:** Race 3 **BORNTOBEIRISH** – veterinary advice at 12.07pm.

## RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 CENTRAL SOUTHLAND FREIGHT HURDLE (2600M)

**THE SYDNEY EXPRESS** shifted out abruptly when jumping the first fence and landed awkwardly hampering **ARONSAY** which had to steady.

WHAT A FIND also made the first fence awkwardly.

MUZZA raced keenly through the early stages and then raced wide for the majority of the race.

**GARGAMEL** made a poor leap at the fence near the 1850 metres.

**MUZZA** made an awkward leap at the fence by the 1500 metres and collided midair with **ARONSAY** which was again hampered.

MUZZA made a poor leap at the fence passing the 300 metres losing momentum.

WHAT A FIND made a poor leap at the second to last fence.

# Race 2 NEW ZEALAND HORSE TRANSPORT MAIDEN HURDLE (2600M)

**SAFE ACCESS** ran down the hurdles at the 1500 metres and the 1150 metres.

**LOOSE GOOSE** struggled to main contact with the body of the field through the middle stages despite the efforts of rider A Brown.

SAFE ACCESS made faulty leaps at both the third last and second last fences losing momentum.

**CECIL** shifted out abruptly at the 150 metres and had to be straightened.

When questioned regarding the performance of **CONFUSED** rider S Phelan advised the Stewards that he could offer no tangible excuse for the performance however added the gelding may not have been entirely comfortable with today's track conditions.

### Race 3 RIVERSIDE RENTALS & McCALLUMS GROUP MAIDEN (1200M)

**BORNTOBEIRISH** was declared a late scratching at 12.07pm on veterinary advice after being found to be lame at the barrier with the connections advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the filly racing next.

JAMIE LEE was slow to begin.

TUTOR and CATALAN KING bumped heavily when jumping away.

LADY PRIVATEER blundered on jumping away.

**CATALAN KING** had to be steadied when racing keenly passing the 900 metres.

**THE ROOK** lay in for the early part of the run home.

Passing the 75 metres **OUR CASTLE** and **CATALAN KING** brushed.

# Race 4 HAZLETT CONTRACTING STEEPLECHASE (3400M)

**BORRACK** raced keenly when leading through the early stages.

**AIR CADET** put in a poor leap at the fence near the 2400 metres dislodging rider A Browne. Neither horse nor rider was injured in this incident.

**PAKITIN PETE** made a poor leap at the fence by the 2000 metres and was retired from the event after jumping the sod wall. A subsequent veterinary examination of **PAKITIN PETE** revealed an injury to the right hind leg. The connections of **PAKITIN** 

**PETE** were advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the gelding racing again.

**BORRACK** made a faulty leap at the fence near the 900 metres.

**DANE RULER** made a poor leap at the fence by the 600 metres.

When questioned regarding the performance of **BORRACK** rider D Miller advised the Stewards in his opinion the gelding had not been able to quicken in today's heavy track conditions.

# Race 5 WRENS & LUSTYS SHOWCASE JEWELLERS HANDICAP (1200M)

**MASTER CHIEF** began awkwardly and was slow away then was further hampered and lost ground when **LUCKY NEMO** shifted out abruptly at the start.

**THYME ZONE** and **KILLA QUESTION** both raced keenly through the early stages with **THYME ZONE** throwing its head in the air on several occasions.

MAHBEER hung inwards in the early part of the run home and had to be straightened.

**MAHBEER** raced in restricted room over the concluding stages.

**NORTHERN TAP** and **THYME ZONE** brushed for several strides passing the 100 metres.

# Race 6 TONY ROY BUILDING & SADDLERY WAREHOUSE MAIDEN (2147M)

MONTE CAIRO began awkwardly shifting out and making contact with LOWE FLYER.

CASSANDRA'S DREAM and NEED A WILSON'S raced wide rounding the first bend.

When questioned regarding the performance of **THE WEDDINGS OFF** rider D Bothamley advised in his opinion the mare had failed to handle today's Heavy 10 track conditions.

Rider S Muniandy (MCDONALD) was warned pursuant to Rule 638(3)(b) in regards to his use of the whip between the 400 metres and 200 metres.

#### Race 7 DONALD WHITE HEDGECUTTING HANDICAP (2147M)

GOSSIP GIRL and AL ASKAN raced very wide on the track through the early stages.

AL ASKAN raced in restricted room early in the run home.

#### Race 8

# TRAVELLERS REST TAVERN & VITAL SIGNS MAIDEN (1600M)

**PHARELL** began awkwardly.

**ALL IN TOUCH** shifted in at the start hampering **SPIC N SPAN** which lost ground.

INDIAN BURT also began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly making firm contact with DRESSED 'N' READY.

INDIAN BURT was further hampered and lost momentum when HEZACHARMER also shifted out at the start.

Passing the 1000 metres **GALLANT SATIN** shifted out and away from **PROXIMITY**.

**INDIAN BURT** was held up for several strides rounding the final bend.

Passing the 375 metres **RISKY FLIGHT** shifted ground outwards inconveniencing **DRESSED 'N' READY** which was then obliged to shift ground inwards and when doing so shifted in abruptly making firm contact with **INDIAN BURT**.

**DRESSED 'N' READY** lay in through the early stages of the run home with the rider shifting the whip to the left hand for the next 100 metres.

Following the running of this event apprentice rider T Direen reported her mount **YEAH SISTER** appeared to be have made abnormal breathing noises during the running. The Stewards requested a post-race veterinary examination of **YEAH SISTER** which revealed no obvious abnormalities however some evidence was found consistent with the mare having choked down during the running due to getting its tongue over the bit.

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# MARQUEE & PARTY HIRE & MRS CLARK'S CAFÉ HANDICAP (1600M)

**HEZA KOOL KAT** and **THEGREATPICKPOCKET** were both slow to begin.

**FLY ME TO DA MOON**, **DELLEUD**, **GOOGLE ME**, **SOPHRONIA** and **DOUBLE TAP** all raced keenly in the early stages due to the lack of pace.

Apprentice P Shaikh the rider of **HEZA KOOL KAT** reported to the Stewards the saddle on his mount had slipped forward nearing the 1200 metres placing him in some difficulty thereafter.

P Shaikh accidentally dropped his whip passing the 275 metres.

## Race 10

# **ADVANCE AGRICULTURE & MILNES TRANSPORT HANDICAP (1600M)**

**WISE GUY** began awkwardly and then was further hampered when **INDY RULER** shifted in abruptly as the start was made. **JOE BONANNO** raced keenly through the early stages when leading.

**INDY RULER** and **DANA PASCALLE** also raced keenly through the early stages.

When spoken to regarding the performance of **WISE GUY** apprentice B Pitman advised the Stewards in her opinion the gelding had not seen out the 1600 metre distance of today's race.

When spoken to regarding the performance of **GURUS RESPONSE** apprentice T Direen reported the mare had failed to handle today's Heavy 10 conditions.

When questioned regarding the performance of **RICHARD TRIMBOLE** rider R Doherty reported the gelding had been less than genuine in its effort today and he had recommended to the trainer that gear changes be made.

#### Race 11

# **BEACH HOUSE CAFÉ & BAR HANDICAP (1400M)**

RUBY'S ROSE was slow to begin.

BERENICE and MR TRIMBOLE made firm contact on jumping away.

**BERENICE** and **WERIO** raced keenly through the early stages.

**PRIME HIT** raced in restricted room for several strides passing the 150 metres and then had to steady momentarily when awkwardly placed on the heels of **BERENICE**.