STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Waikato Racing Club	**Date:**	Saturday 17 May 2014
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Slow(7)		
Rail:	7 Metres		
Stewards:	J Oatham (Chairman), A Coles, W Robinson, B Jones		
Typist:	P Laboyrie		

GENERAL:

Apprentice B Hutton did not attend the meeting after being injured at track work on race morning and is required to provide a medical clearance prior to riding next.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	JUST GOT HOME, KING PICCOLO, ALLEZ EAGLE, I'M ISAAC, PALEMO, MYTHS AND LEGENDS, BELLINO, SPIN DOCTOR, FARM BOY, ESTELLE, WOLFWHISTLE A number of runners in races 2, 4, 5 and 6 were pre-race blood tested.		
Suspensions:	Nil		
Protests:	Nil		
Fines:	Race	2	**W Cafferty** AROSE $250 [Rule 638(3)(b)] Excessive use of the whip
Warnings:	Nil		
Bleeders:	Nil		
Horse Actions:	Race	10	**WONDERLAND** – barrier trial prior to racing again
Medical Certificates:	Required from B Hutton		
Rider Changes:	Race	7	**GOLDMINER**, K Leung for B Hutton (injured)
	Race	9	**ANOTHER EDITION**, K Leung for B Hutton
Late Scratchings:	Nil		

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	WAIKATO STONECRAFT HURDLE

REVENGE (D Miller) was crowded approaching the first fence.
ROOF OF RECKONING (W Cafferty) misjudged the first fence landing awkwardly and blundering.
APPLAUD (M Mitchell) put in an indifferent jump at the first fence becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of **JUST GOT HOME** (A Kuru) on landing.
WEE BISKIT put in a poor jump at the first fence with rider M McNelis being unbalanced.
REVENGE over-raced in the early stages.
ROOF OF RECKONING put in a poor jump at the fence near the 1250 metres.
COLOMBIAN PRINCE (I Lupton) misjudged the fence near the 1100 metres losing ground.
EDENBRAE (M Gillies) raced three wide without cover.
EDENBRAE, **ROOF OF RECKONING** and **ISDABICKY** (S Phelan) put in poor jumps at the third last fence.
BRAVE BUCCANEER (N Quinn) hit the second last fence.
WRECKING CREW (T Harris) and **ISDABICKY** both jumped indifferently towards the rear throughout.
WRECKING CREW lost the left front and hind plates during the running.
APPLAUD lost the right front and left hind plates during the running.

Race 2	PORRITT SAND WAIKATO HURDLE

SEA KING (M Gillies) misjudged the first fence.
KING PICCOLO (T Harris) jumped outwards at the second fence hampering **AROSE** (W Cafferty).
SEA KING raced keenly in the early and middle stages.
SEA KING again misjudged the fence near the 1250 metres on the second occasion.
IT'S A MESSAGE badly misjudged the hurdle near the 1100 metres hitting the fence hard and landing awkwardly dislodging rider M Mitchell who was uninjured. Badly hampered as a result was **TOBY CEE** (C Studd).

SEA KING hung outwards rounding the final turn.
AINTREE (I Lupton) put in a poor jump at the third last fence then lay in crowding **KING PICCOLO** near the 250 metres before being hampered by the rider-less **IT'S A MESSAGE** and bumping with that runner.
KING PICCOLO raced three wide without cover for the majority of the event.
MISTER DEEJAY badly misjudged the last fence dislodging rider M McNelis who was uninjured. **AROSE** and **TOBY CEE** which were both well beaten had to take evasive action to avoid the fallen rider.
SEA KING shifted inwards under pressure over the final stages inconveniencing **AINTREE**.
W Cafferty admitted a charge of using his whip excessively on his mount **AROSE** with a fine of $250 being imposed by the Judicial Committee.

Race 3	**VISIT TEAKAURACING.COM 1200**

The start of this race was delayed approximately three minutes due to **SONO VELOCE** (M Wenn) requiring farrier attention.
ENHANCE (N Harris) was slow to begin.
KAGE IS KING (B Grylls) and **ALLEZ EAGLE** (R Hutchings) both over-raced in the middle stages.
ENHANCE raced three wide without cover throughout.

Race 4	**JIM HELY STEEPLECHASE**

HEJALLE (W Cafferty) landed awkwardly after jumping the first fence.
JACK ROMANOV (T Harris) put in a poor jump at the fence near the 800 metres on the first occasion.
JACK ROMANOV put in a poor jump at the second of the double dislodging rider T Harris who was uninjured.
The rider-less **JACK ROMANOV** which had continued with the field lost its footing and fell in the approach to the fence near the 800 metres on the final occasion, badly hampering **HEJALLE** which was well beaten at that point then being retired from the race.
GENEROUS TYPE (S Phelan) put in a poor jump at the final fence.

Race 5	**WARREN STORM LIFEBROKERS WAIKATO STEEPLECHASE**

MAHANADI (D Miller) jumped the first two fences very poorly losing considerable ground at each of those fences and continuing to jump indifferently for the remainder of the race.
YORKIE (C Singer) landed awkwardly after jumping the first fence in the centre.
CAPE KINAVERAL (M Mitchell) went off stride in the approach to the fence re-entering the steeplechase course near the 1900 metres.
PALEMO (M Gillies) ran down the last fence inconveniencing **YORKIE**. **PALEMO** then shifted outwards under pressure inconveniencing **MYTHS AND LEGENDS** (T Harris) passing the 100 metres.
OLD REDFEATHER (S Phelan) jumped the last fence awkwardly.
C Singer (**YORKIE**) was spoken to regarding his whip use.
When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **MAHANADI** rider D Miller advised that the gelding had jumped poorly throughout, jumping very high at most of its fences losing considerable ground. Stable representative Ms J Rathbone advised that **MAHANADI** had been extensively schooled leading into today's meeting including competing in jumping trials and schooling over the five live fences through the centre upon arrival at the Te Rapa course yesterday. Ms Rathbone further stated that from past experience the gelding's jumping can deteriorate if not jumping in company with other runners, and is also generally better suited by more rain-affected footing.

Race 6	**FAIRVIEW MOTORS 2100**

HELL YEAH (M Hills) and **CANTERINO** (S McKay) were both slow to begin.
WE ARE ROYAL (B R Jones) jumped away awkwardly and shifted inwards making contact with **PIRINITETE** (B Grylls).
LITTLE ALFIE BROWN (L Satherley) was crowded for room passing the 200 metres between **CANTERINO** and **BELLINO** (R Hutchings) which both shifted ground under pressure.
When questioned regarding the improved performance of **BELLINO** co-trainer Mr R Collett advised that the gelding had been schooled over fences since last racing and had been suited when able to get into clear running early in the final straight as it can be inclined to be field shy.

Race 7	**LEGACY LODGE 1400**

POPEYE BRAGGINS (N Harris), **BRAVE CENTAUR** (B R Jones) and **NOBLE WARRIOR** (B Grylls) were crowded leaving the barriers between **MAXIMUM HEIGHT** (R Smyth) which shifted outwards and **JUBILATE** (M Coleman) which shifted in.
O Bosson advised that his mount **NEO** had not felt entirely comfortable in today's track conditions, further stating that the gelding had also felt a little lethargic. A post-race veterinary examination found the gelding to have a slow rate of recovery with the veterinarian recommending that blood tests be taken on return to its stable.
When questioned regarding the performance of **UNCLE SHAYNE** rider M Hills advised that the gelding had travelled well until placed under pressure when it had been quickly beaten, and felt indifferent in its action. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any obvious abnormality.
GOLDMINER (K Leung) lost the right front plate during the running.

Race 8	**NRM 1400**

BIGGIN HILL (O Bosson) was removed from the barriers after charging the front gate to undergo a veterinary inspection

before being passed fit to run.
BECHTOLSHEIMER (B R Jones) was slow to begin before being further hampered when runners to either side shifted ground.
PALMERS PRIDE (K Leung) was placed in restricted room leaving the barriers when **CLARA JANE** (R Smyth) shifted in.
BELLBIRD (M Hills) had a tendency to over-race in the middle stages.
BIGGIN HILL returned to the enclosure with blood present in the nasal area which upon veterinary examination was found to be as a result of lacerations in the nostrils.

Race 9	**KINGSGATE HOTEL HAMILTON 1600**

HONEYMOON (D Johnson) which had been fractious in the barriers began awkwardly and reared losing ground.
PONDAROSA MISS (D Hain) was slow to begin.
ANOTHER EDITION (K Leung) began awkwardly crowding **ESTELLE** (R Hutchings).
PONDAROSA MISS had a tendency to lay in under pressure in the final straight.
The connections advised after the race that **PONDAROSA MISS** had tied up and they would now be giving consideration to spelling the filly depending on track conditions in the coming weeks.

Race 10	**BILL WARING MILE**

WONDERLAND (R Smyth) refused to leave the barriers taking no effective part in the race. Trainer Ms M Falconer was advised that **WONDERLAND** must barrier trial to the satisfaction of a Stipendiary Steward prior to racing again.
IPONI (K Leung) was slow away before being further hampered by **BLACK HENNESSY** (B R Jones) which began awkwardly shifting outwards.
CELTIC STAR (M Hills) raced in restricted room near the 350 metres when weakening.