STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club: WELLINGTON RACING CLUB Date: Saturday 26 April 2014

Weather: Fine

Track: Heavy 10 – upgraded to Slow 9 after race 5.

Rail: Out 3 metres

Stewards: G Whiterod (Chairman); N Goodwin and B Bateup

Typist:

GENERAL:

No issues to report.

SUPPLEMENTARY:

SUMMARY:

Swabbing: BURGUNDIAN; DON'T CHANGE; STUNNING PRINCESS; PADDY OWEN; HANDLEMEWITHCARE;

NORTH AND SOUTH; NEO; RUNNING LATE; PATIENCE

Suspensions: Race

Protests: Race

Fines: Race 8 K Chiong (THE BEAUT) – excessive use prior to 200 – fined \$350

[Rule 638 (3) (b)]

Warnings: Race 5 HANDLEMEWITHCARE – racing manners

Bleeders: Race

Horse Actions Race 5 **ZIMMZEE** – must barrier trial

9 **GOLD LANE** – vet clearance required.

Medical Certificates:

Rider Changes: Race

Late Scratchings: Race 5 NIMBLE NICK @ 1.45pm - injured

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 J R & N BERKETT 3YO HANDICAP

IRISH STRINGS came out of the stalls awkwardly and tightened THIEN LY; ISEEMAGIC and HEARSAY.

IRISH STRINGS over-raced in the early and middle stages.

J Parkes reported that **THIEN LY** did not handle to Heavy 10 track. A post-race veterinary examination of **THIEN LY** revealed no abnormalities.

Race 2 HIREMASTER 2YO HANDICAP

OUTSPOKEN began awkwardly and got back.

DON'T CHANGE was held up briefly near the 400 metres.

DON'T CHANGE and **PLATINUM WITNESS** both shifted out in the home straight when under pressure.

V Johnston reported that **BUFFALO BOY** was never comfortable in the Heavy 10 track. A post-race veterinary examination of **BUFFALO BOY** revealed no abnormalities.

Race 3 TRENTHAM PUNTERS CHALLENGE 2014 MAIDEN

DAME WYNNIE began awkwardly and was slow away.

FIDEL was inclined to lug outward in the early stages.

LAW ABIDING was crowded briefly near the 300 metres when ARCHANGEL shifted out in search of clear running.

ARCHANGEL was inclined to shift out under pressure over the final stages.

Race 4 MOTHER'S DAY HIGH TEA AT TRENTHAM HANDICAP

PEWTER was awkwardly away and settled back.

DOING TIME raced three-wide without cover throughout.

TAIPA TIGER was held up for a short distance early in the home straight and when attempting a run, bumped with **DOING TIME** for several strides near the 300 metres.

COLD HEARTED was held up rounding the turn and for some distance until near the 300 metres and then raced in restricted room for the remainder of the event

HEZA REBEL was held up for some distance near the 200 metres.

Race 5 THE SOUND 97.3 FM MAIDEN

NIMBLE NICK was a late scratching at 1.45pm after suffering an injury in the tie-up stalls.

ZiMMZEE was a late scratching at 2.28pm after becoming cast in the barrier stall. Connections were advised the filly must barrier trial before next racing.

PERONI began awkwardly after losing its footing.

HANDLEMEWITHCARE attempted to buck in the initial strides from the barrier and settled at the rear. Connections were advised that a warning is placed on the racing manners of the filly.

PERONI was forced to race three-wide without cover around the bend.

Race 6 WELCOME ST KILDA SAINT HANDICAP

DAL DANTRIX was slow to begin.

Race 7 MILLS REEF WINERY HANDICAP

BETTER KEEPER began awkwardly and bumped with BRAGATO at the start.

JACK'S POINT raced three-wide without cover throughout.

BETTER KEEPER had to steady off the heels of **FAIRWAY WISH** for some distance near the 500 metres when racing keenly. **NEO** shifted out under pressure over the final stages hampering **THORN PRINCE** momentarily.

Race 8 WELCOME BRISBANE LIONS HANDICAP

ANTONIO began awkwardly.

RUNNING LATE raced wide throughout without cover.

THE BEAUT lay outwards hampering **RUNNING LATE** for some distance between the 300 metres and 150 metres. **K Chiong** was reminded of her obligations to straighten her mount when shifting ground.

When questioned on improved performance of the winner **RUNNING LATE** trainer J Wallace said the removal of blinkers for today's assignment benefitted the gelding.

When questioned on the run of **GET THE MESSAGE**, **H Tinsley** said that after racing keenly in the early and middle stages the gelding had little left at the finish. A subsequent veterinary inspection revealed no abnormalities.

K Chiong (THE BEAUT) admitted a charge under Rule 638 (3) (b) with excessive use of the whip prior to the 200 metres and was fined \$350.

Race 9 TUI BACKING A WINNER SINCE 1889 HANDICAP

PATIENCE was awkwardly away and settled back.

GOLD LANE commenced to give ground shortly after entering the home straight and was then eased down by rider A Taylor A post-race veterinary inspection of **GOLD LANE** revealed the mare to be in a distressed state with a suspected cardiovascular disturbance. Connections were advised that a clearance is required prior to **GOLD LANE** next racing.

OLIVIA MARY was momentarily hampered short of the line when **MR DARCEE'S GOLD** shifted in under pressure.

EKKO BEECHES was also momentarily hampered short of the line when **PATIENCE** shifted out under pressure.