STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Otago Racing Club Date: Sunday 1st June 2014

Weather: Fine Track: Heavy 11

Rail: Out 3 metres 900-300 rest true

Stewards: M Davidson (Chairman), N Ydgren and C Boyd

Typist: M O'Brien

GENERAL: (All comments pertaining to this meeting - e.g. drivers/riders not attending, delays and all other issues)

Pre Race blood testing was carried out at this meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY: (All adjourned inquiries and follow up information relating to previous meetings)

SUMMARY:

Swabbing: NEEDASTAR, SUPERCHARGED, AGNUS BROWN, KEEP IT TIGHT, FIORANO, AINT NO LOLLYGAGGA,

CHIPMUNK, THE GORDONIAN.

Suspensions: Race

Protests: Race

Fines: Race 8 R Bishop (THE GORDONIAN) – Rule 330(3)(c) – failed to make contract weight \$100

Warnings: Race 3 J Lowry (PLAYS UNTIL DARK) – Rule 638(1)(d) – shifting ground 100 metres

Bleeders: Race

Horse Actions: Race

Medical Certificates:

Rider Changes: Race 8 R Doherty replaced R Bishop as the rider of THE GORDONIAN (overweight)

Late Scratching: Race

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 MIKE JACKSON PLASTERERS MAIDEN HURDLE 2700m

ONE FOR THE MONEY ran its fences down in the early stages and mixed its jumping throughout. The rider of **ONE FOR THE MONEY** reported to the Stewards that he had concerns with the horse's jumping and as a result trainer T Charles was advised the gelding must be schooled in company again prior to racing next.

DELLEUD ran down the third fence.

NEEDASTAR ran down the fence at the 1300 metres taking **JAYJAY** wider on the track.

DELLEUD made an awkward jump at the fence by the 1300 metres.

JAYJAY made a poor leap at the fence by the 1200 metres.

JACHIL made a poor leap at the fence by the 900 metres.

Race 2 RON WILLIAMSON OTAGO HURDLE 2700m

ATOMIC ROAD made a poor leap at the fence passing the 1200 metres losing momentum.

FAITES VOS JEUX made a poor leap at the fence by the 1100 metres losing considerable momentum. After poorly jumping the fence at the 900 metres **FAITES VOS JEUX** was not persevered with and did not complete the race. Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary examination of **FAITEX VOS JEUX** which revealed no abnormalities. Rider R Doherty advised the Stewards that the mare did not handle the testing nature of today's heavy track conditions.

HIGH FORTY made a poor leap at the last fence landing awkwardly and badly unbalancing the rider who was dislodged. **HIGH FORTY** was eventually recaptured and checked by a veterinarian with rider A Browne being checked by the ambulance staff resulting in **HIGH FORTY** being remounted and going back to the point where the rider was dislodged and completing the race to claim fourth place.

Race 3 MORNINGTON TAVERN MAIDEN 1200m

AGNUS BROWN shifted out abruptly at the start hampering FLAGRANTE DELICTO who lost ground at the start.

ALISSAR was slow to begin.

THE VANDAL had to be steadied passing the 800 metres when racing keenly.

Passing the 100 metres **PLAYS UNTIL DARK** (J Lowry) shifted out under pressure inconveniencing **TEDESCO** who had to be steadied and change ground inwards. J Lowry was issued with a warning under Rule 638(1)(d). Also contributing to this incident was some inward movement from **MISTAKEN IDENTITY**.

On return to scale R Bishop the rider of **MISTAKEN IDENTITY** weighed in .5 kg lighter than he weighed out which is permissible under the Rules. Stewards sought an explanation from R Bishop who advised that he was at a loss to explain the difference other than he had been using the sauna on a number of occasions today and had been sweating during the race in an attempt to get down to a light riding weight later in the day.

Race 4 SOUTHERNWIDE REAL ESTATE OTAGO STEEPLECHASE 3200m

GIOCCHINO dipped on landing after the second fence badly unbalancing rider M Mitchell who managed to recover his balance and irons.

KEEP IT TIGHT and **GIOCCHINO** both made poor leaps at the fence passing the 2000 metres.

THE SYDNEY EXPRESS stumbled losing some momentum after jumping the fence at the 800 metres.

GARGAMEL made a poor leap at the last fence landing awkwardly and becoming unbalanced losing momentum.

GIOCCHINO was retired from the event after jumping the water jump when some distance behind the other runners. When spoken to rider M Mitchell advised that due to a combination of poor jumping, the heavy track and failing to see out the distance of today's race had led to the poor performance. The connections of **GIOCCHINO** advised that the gelding would now be retired as a racing proposition.

Race 5 NUTRIMETICS / PICTURES 4 U STAYERS RATING 85 2200m

STORMY RAIN lay out on the bend by the 1900 metres.

BELLE D'OR improved wide from the 700 metres.

When spoken to regarding the performance of favoured runner **REEVES HALL** rider K Williams advised the Stewards that in her opinion the gelding did not handle the step up in class today.

Race 6 CRAIGS CAN DO! SPRINT RATING 65 1200m

POLLY'S SISTER shifted out crowding HUGHES THAT GIRL at the start.

RIO ROSE had to be steadied over the early stages when racing in restricted room to the inside of **AINT NO LOLLYGAGGA**. **KEEP A FORTUNE** raced wide without cover throughout.

Passing the 300 metres **TUG O' WAR** shifted in placing **AINT NO LOLLYGAGGA** in restricted room for several strides. **HUGHES THAT GIRL** (S Wynne) was held up early in the run home and then was denied a marginal run to the inside of **DOM BENEDICTINE** at the 200 metres and continued to be held up for racing room throughout the run home. Rider S Wynne was shown a replay of this incident and advised that in the Stewards' opinion she would be expected to show better judgment when riding in similar circumstances in the future.

Passing the 225 metres **POLLY'S SISTER** who was laying in shifted in crowding **KEEP A FORTUNE** who raced in restricted room momentarily.

RIO ROSE had to shift ground on several occasions throughout the run home in an attempt to gain clear racing room.

TUG O' WAR continued to race greenly over the concluding stages with apprentice J Lowry having some difficulty steering his mount.

Race 7 MUD SWEAT AND TEARS MILE MAIDEN 1600m

DESERT GIRL raced wide throughout.

DESERT GIRL hung inwards throughout the run home.

CHIPMUNK also hung inwards throughout the run home with the rider swapping whip hands.

When spoken to regarding the apparent disappointing performance of favoured runner **KATIE'S DIAMOND** rider T Moseley advised that the mare had at no stage been comfortable in today's testing track conditions and in his opinion would be better suited over a longer distance.

Race 8 NICOLA MCKIE MIDWIFERY OPEN HANDICAP 1400m

R Bishop was replaced by R Doherty on **THE GORDONIAN** after he failed to make the contract weight. R Bishop admitted a resultant breach of 330(3)(c) and was fined \$100 by the JCA.

ENCHANTER was slow to begin.

ENCHANTER raced wide throughout.

When spoken to regarding the performance of **PETTY LANE** which finished a distant last, rider K Williams was of the opinion the mare had been less than genuine in her efforts today. Stewards ordered a post-race examination of **PETTY LANE** which revealed no abnormalities with the connections advising that the mare would be retired as a racing proposition.

When spoken to regarding the performance of **FIDDLER'S GREEN** rider T Moseley explained that the gelding had been unsuited to the holding nature of today's track and appreciated looser ground.