# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



#### MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Whangarei Racing Club Date: Saturday 2 August 2014

Weather: Overcast

**Track:** Dead(6), upgraded to Dead(5) retrospective to Race 1

Rail: 1.5 Metres

**Stewards:** J Oatham (Chairman), M Williamson, P Kinsey

Typist: M Gemmell

#### **GENERAL:**

No issues to report.

#### **SUMMARY:**

**Swabbing:** D'CASH MAN, TO BE SURE, MISS DIRECTIONAL, RADAR, DANZA LAD, CHARLIE FARLEY, VETTEL

Suspensions: Nil

Protests: Nil
Fines: Nil

Warnings: Race 2 M Wenn BIG VOICES

Shifted ground 1200 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]

Race 5 **D Johnson** CANDLE IN THE WIND

Shifted ground 1000 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]

Bleeders: Nil

Horse Actions: Nil

Medical Certificates: Nil Rider Changes: Nil

Late Scratchings: Nil

## **RACE COMMENTS:**

Race 1 JLT Bloodstock 1200

**WORTHING** (U Holmquist) began awkwardly losing ground.

**ELYSIUM** (D Johnson) and **EBULLIENT** (L Magorrian) both raced keenly when being restrained in the early stages.

**WORTHING** became awkwardly placed inside the heels of **ELYSIUM** which lay in when making the bend passing the 900 metres.

WORTHING lay out under pressure early in the final straight.

The track was upgraded to Dead(5) retrospective to Race 1.

Race 2 Cowley's Hire Centre 1400

THE DARLING ONE (T Thornton) began awkwardly before being further when crowded losing ground.

KENDOKA (D Johnson) began a little awkwardly.

Passing the 1200 metres **ABSOLUTELY SACRED** (L Satherley) had to be steadied when racing in restricted room to the inside of **BIG VOICES** (M Wenn) which shifted inwards when not fully clear. Rider M Wenn was issued with a warning.

**THE DARLING ONE** raced keenly when obliged to race three wide without cover.

**TO BE SURE** (M Sweeney) raced keenly outside the leader through the middle stages on a moderate pace.

Race 3 Bay of Islands ITM Maiden

ASPREY (L Innes) was slow to begin.

POSTD'OR (J Wong) began awkwardly.

Passing the 1200 metres MISS DIRECTIONAL (L Magorrian) was steadied off the heels of CHOYSA (O Bosson).

**CHOYSA** raced keenly in the lead through the middle stages.

**ITSFORFREE** (T Thornton) was held up near the 350 metres and did not obtain clear running until shifting outwards across heels near the 200 metres.

When questioned regarding the performance of ASPREY rider L Innes advised that the gelding had travelled well enough

but had been unable to quicken when a run presented passing the 400 metres. L Innes further stated he then shifted back to the inside near the 250 metres but **ASPREY** had failed to run on as anticipated and had been disappointing.

Rider M Sweeney was at a loss to explain the poor performance of **SOUTHERN COMET** which after tailing off in the early stages failed to make any impression finishing a distant last. M Sweeney added that **SOUTHERN COMET** may have failed to back up after running here the previous Saturday.

Post-race veterinary examinations of ASPREY and SOUTHERN COMET did not reveal any obvious abnormalities.

## Race 4 Northland Business Systems 2100

**RADAR** (T Thornton) shifted inwards abruptly leaving the barriers crowding **JUST GOT HOME** (M Wenn) and **CANTERINO** (S McKay) which were both hampered losing ground.

KIDNAPPED (J Wong) was slow to begin.

**CANTERINO** which had a tendency to over-race in the early and middle stages raced three wide without cover from near the 1300 metres.

**KIDNAPPED** lay in away from **CANTERINO** near the 350 metres and was then held up when **CANTERINO** shifted inwards under pressure. Apprentice S McKay was advised to exercise care. **KIDNAPPED** was then steadied and shifted outwards across the heels of **CANTERINO** to obtain clear running near the 200 metres. Inconvenienced as a result was **NOTTOOBAD** (D Johnson).

Apprentice L Magorrian was spoken to regarding not claiming down to his declared riding weight on two of his mounts today with his explanation being accepted on this occasion.

# Race 5 ITM / GIB Open Mile Handicap

**KING ZEUS** (M Cameron) shifted in abruptly shortly after jumping away crowding **FLASH HAPI** (T Thornton) and **DANZA LAD** (D Nolan) on to the hind quarters of **WHOSHE** (M Sweeney) with **DANZA LAD** having to be steadied losing ground.

FARAWAY EYES (L Innes) began awkwardly making contact with CANDLE IN THE WIND (D Johnson).

MAXIMUM HEIGHT (O Bosson) over-raced when being restrained in the early stages.

When improving forward to the outside of **KING ZEUS**, **CANDLE IN THE WIND** shifted inwards near the 1000 metres when not fully clear resulting in **KING ZEUS** having to be firmly restrained to avoid that runner's heels. Rider D Johnson was issued with a warning.

**FARAWAY EYES** over-raced when being restrained passing the 1000 metres.

**MAXIMUM HEIGHT** had difficulty obtaining clear running in the final straight having to be steadied near the 150 metres when becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of **CANDLE IN THE WIND**.

### Race 6 Whangarei ITM 1400

SOPHIE'S GEM (BR Jones) began awkwardly.

**SECRET LILY** (D Johnson) was crowded shortly after jumping away having to steady.

**BRAHMA QUEEN** (A Schwerin) raced three wide without cover for the majority of the race.

**SECRET LILY** shifted outwards passing the 700 metres making contact with **SOPHIE'S GEM** forcing that runner wider on the track.

**BLUE STREAK** (R Smyth) lay out when making the final bend.

**SAVABELLA ROSE** (M Sweeney) lay out under pressure in the final straight crowding **BRAHMA QUEEN** out on to **SOPHIE'S GEM** near the 300 metres.

Apprentice **A Schwerin** (BRAHMA QUEEN) almost dropped her whip near the 250 metres and when re-gathering got the whip caught in her rein for a distance, regaining the use of her whip inside the 150 metres.

## Race 7 The Buffalo Man 2100

COOL ONE (L Magorrian) was slow to begin.

**NGATIRA GOLD** (T Thornton) shifted inwards leaving the barriers further inconveniencing **REKA** (L Satherley) which had begun awkwardly.

Passing the winning post on the first occasion **NGATIRA GOLD** commenced to over-race and when being restrained raced very ungenerously running wide when making the first turn awkwardly hampering **JORDANIAN PRINCE** (P Turner) and making contact with **VETTEL** (O Bosson). **NGATIRA GOLD** continued to race ungenerously when wide without cover. Passing the 800 metres **CARADONNA** (L Innes) shifted outwards to obtain clear running forcing **NGATIRA GOLD**, which was weakening, wider on the track.

**BOLD RANSOM** (S McKay) raced wide around the first turn.

**REKA** made contact with the hind quarters of **CARADONNA** entering the final straight near the 400 metres. **CARADONNA** then had a tendency to lay in under pressure.

**NGATIRA GOLD** was eased down in the final straight finishing a distant last. Rider T Thornton felt that the gelding had not been suited to racing on its home track. **NGATIRA GOLD** underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

When questioned rider M Cameron (RULALINE) advised that the mare had hung outwards badly throughout the race and proved difficult to ride.