STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Counties Racing Club Date: Saturday 9 August 2014

Weather: Fine
Track: Heavy(11)
Rail: 6 Metres

Stewards: J Oatham (Chairman), A Coles, J Muirhead, W Robinson

Typist: P Laboyrie

GENERAL:

No issues to report.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing: DENTELLE, REKA, MALBEC, TIGER MOSS, ANAHEIM, JOHN GRAY, ALFONZE, IZ

Suspensions: Nil Protests: Nil

Fines: Race 1 D Jeffcoat JUST CALL ME RIO

\$50 [Rule 616(2)] Failed to declare notifiable gear (blinkers)

2 BR Jones LUCKY RUBY

\$100 [Rule 330(3)(c)] Failed to make weight

Warnings: Race 8 L Magorrian KALINDA

Relaxing ride final stages [Rule 636(1)(d)]

8 A Schwerin CAPSTAND

Excessive use of whip [Rule 638(3)(b)]

Bleeders: Nil
Horse Actions: Nil
Medical Certificates: Nil

Rider Changes: Race 2 LUCKY RUBY – M Coleman for BR Jones (over-weight)

Late Scratchings: Nil

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 DRAKE MEDOX 800

Trainer Mrs D Jeffcoat was fined \$50 after failing to declare notifiable gear by the required time.

SIAN (M Wenn) began awkwardly.

KEEPING TOM (N Harris) was slow away.

AMBROSINI (C Grylls) began awkwardly hampering JUST CALL ME RIO (T Thornton).

KEEN TO KEEPER (B R Jones) began awkwardly then was further hampered when crowded.

BOLD BACHELOR (R Smyth) was briefly steadied when in restricted room near the 500 metres after **EYESONYOU** (M Coleman) was taken out by **JUST CALL ME RIO**. T Thornton was advised to exercise more care. **EYESONYOU** was then steadied and shifted inwards to obtain clear running being inclined to lay in under pressure.

DENTELLE (L Satherley) shifted outwards near the 50 metres inconveniencing **BOLD BACHELOR**.

AMBROSINI raced greenly under pressure in the final straight.

Race 2 IRT 2100

B R Jones was unable to make the weight for **LUCKY RUBY** being replaced by M Coleman. B R Jones was fined \$100.

SAUCY PENNY (R Hutchings) was slow to begin, then was further hampered when runners to either side shifted ground.

WAR STORY (O Bosson) jumped away awkwardly.

When questioned regarding the performance of **OOMPA** rider C Grylls advised that the gelding had found today's very heavy track conditions too testing.

Race 3 THE HICKEY FAMILY 2200

MALBEC (L Magorrian) jumped away awkwardly shifting inwards abruptly hampering FAIR FLEET (U Holmquist) and ETHICAL (C Grylls).

ANOTHERCHANCETAKEN (M Hills) was slow away.

Approaching the 1900 metres **FAIR FLEET** and **ETHICAL** raced in restricted room to the inside of **MALBEC** with both **FAIR FLEET** and **ETHICAL** then being checked when **MALBEC** lay in and away from **WRECKING CREW** (L Innes) which had shifted inwards away from **GURUS SPIRIT** (J Wong).

When questioned regarding the performance of **FIREPOWER** rider M Cameron advised that the gelding had found today's conditions too testing under its 59 kg top weight, adding that in his opinion the gelding may have also been feeling the effects of recent racing. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Race 4 VETERINARY ASSOCIATES EQUINE & FARM 1200

SNOW EXCUSE (R Hutchings) began awkwardly losing ground.

CORIANDER (T Thornton) began awkwardly and blundered.

DOLORES O'RIORDAN (C Dell) was slow away.

M Wenn (ROCKNROLLA) advised that the mare had found today's very heavy track conditions too testing.

Apprentice C Dell was at a loss to explain the poor performance of **DOLORES O'RIORDAN** advising that after a poor beginning the mare appeared to have switched off, adding that **DOLORES O'RIORDAN** may not have been entirely comfortable in today's track conditions.

Rider R Hutchings reported that his mount **SNOW EXCUSE** had felt sore on pulling up. A post-race veterinary examination found the gelding to be mildly lame in front.

Race 5 COLLIERS INTERNATIONAL 1200

LES SILK (Z Moki) was slow to begin.

DANCE (N Harris) raced keenly through the middle stages.

LES SILK had difficulty obtaining clear running until near the 250 metres.

DANCE was crowded between **GWYNEDD** (O Bosson) and **LES SILK** near the 200 metres when both those runners shifted ground.

Apprentice C Dell reported that his mount AIRWORTHY had raced greenly amongst other runners in the final straight.

When questioned regarding the performance of **DANCE** N Harris advised that the mare had been unable to quicken in today's very testing track conditions.

When questioned regarding the form reversal of **ANAHEIM** (D Johnson) trainer Mr S Clotworthy stated that when failing in its two most recent races the mare had firstly failed to see out the 1600 metre distance two starts back and in its most recent effort he had been unhappy with the manner in which **ANAHEIM** had been ridden. Mr Clotworthy further attributed the addition of blinkers today as being a significant factor in its improved performance.

Race 6 COLLETT RACING STABLES 1400

PAN DULCE (R Smyth) began awkwardly.

JOHN GRAY (T Thornton) raced in restricted room to the outside of **MOVE FASTER** (M Wenn) when that runner was taken out by **MAGIC BELLE** (D Johnson) rounding the bend near the 500 metres. D Johnson was advised to exercise more care.

SWIPER THE FOX (M Coleman) had some difficulty obtaining clear running in the final straight until near the 200 metres.

When questioned O Bosson (**TWILIGHT DRAGON**) advised that his mount had been unable to quicken once placed under pressure in the final straight, and in his opinion failed to handle today's track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Race 7 OSBORNE REALTY LTD 1600

MASTER MICHAEL (S McKay) jumped away awkwardly.

CELTIC CHIEF (R Hutchings) dipped badly near the 1200 metres. An inspection of this area of the track did not find any obvious issue.

Near the 500 metres **D'LLARO** (O Bosson) became awkwardly placed on the heels of **CORNELIUS** (B R Jones) when attempting to shift ground to the inside of that runner and made contact with **MASTER MICHAEL**. O Bosson was advised to exercise care.

CELTIC CHIEF shifted outwards near the 450 metres inconveniencing **NOTHING** (J Wong).

Apprentice S McKay (MASTER MICHAEL) was spoken to regarding his whip use on a horse out of contention.

R Hutchings (CELTIC CHIEF) advised that the gelding had found today's track conditions too testing.

Race 8 H R FISKEN & SONS LTD 1600

IZ (K Leung) and ALL ABOUT FUN (S McKay) were slow away.

RAP N TAP (B R Jones) began awkwardly making contact with **THORNBIRD LASS** (D Johnson), becoming unbalanced and shifting back inwards further hampering **ALL ABOUT FUN** and **IZ**.

JESSHANIMO (O Bosson) blundered badly passing the 1200 metres with rider O Bosson losing his left stirrup iron for a distance. O Bosson reported that the gelding then felt to have lost its confidence and failed to hit out for the remainder of the race finishing at the rear. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality. An inspection of the area of track where **JESSHANIMO** had blundered showed evidence of a significant slip mark with the matter brought to the attention of appropriate Club officials for further investigation.

Apprentice L Magorrian (KALINDA) was issued with a warning after relaxing his ride over the final five strides of the race

and narrowly holding second placing.

Apprentice A Schwerin (CAPSTAND) was advised that a warning would be placed on her record for her whip use prior to the 200 metres.