STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Stratford Racing Club Date: Wednesday, 31 December 2014

Weather: Overcast then showers

Track: Dead 4
Rail: True position

Stewards: A Coles (Chairman) L Tidmarsh, B Bateup

Typist: K Smart

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

K Smith the declared rider for JUST ISHI in race 7 was given permission by the Stewards to stand down from his remaining ride, and was replaced by K Chiong as there was no other suitable rider available.

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

SUMMARY:

Swabbing: DR PAUL, SILVER BUBBLES, CASSIE ANNE, CHEESE MAKER, ANGELICA ROX, HABITUDE, LIKEAPINS,

HOSTAGE

Suspensions: Race Protests: Race Fines: Race

Warnings: Race

Bleeders: Race 2 CHIEF'S HONOUR – 2nd occasion, ineligible to race in NZ

Horse Actions: Race

Medical Certificates:

Rider Changes: Race Late Scratching: Race

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 Tag Oil Rating 65 1200

MOI OH MA was slow to begin.

CULLISTER lay outwards leaving the barriers forcing **LANZARA** wider on the track.

DANCER'S TALE raced three wide without cover throughout.

OLIVIA MARY over raced in the early and middle stages.

OLIVIA MARY shifted out under pressure in the final straight.

The favourite **GOOD MAMA**, which raced in or near the lead failed to respond once placed under pressure over the final 150 metres. When questioned rider R Hannam advised that the filly would take improvement from the run.

When questioned into the performance of **LANZARA** rider M Dee was unable to offer any explanation for the gelding's performance.

Race 2 Midhurst Tavern/Farmlands Stratford Maiden 1200

SKYWARDS reared in the air when the gates opened and lost ground. (3 lengths)

SILVER BUBBLES began awkwardly shifting out crowding CHIEF'S HONOUR which lost ground.

KAMAR SPLASH began awkwardly losing ground.

WHEELER FORTUNE over raced in the early and middle stages.

GOLDEN SHELLS raced wide without cover throughout.

MALIBU MISS was held up for clear running until passing the 300 metres.

SKYWARDS had to shift ground inwards across the heels of **MIDNIGHT CHICADEORO** near 175 metres, to obtain clear running.

As this is the second occasion **CHIEF'S HONOUR** has bled, the gelding is now ineligible to race in New Zealand. Trainer J Shell advised **CHIEF'S HONOUR** will be retired.

Race 3 Standard Timber ITM/Taranaki Steelformers R85 1600

MAKO was slow to begin.

CASSIE ANNE (R Myers) and **ROHAISE** jostled for a short distance passing the 1000 metres with **ROHAISE** having to steady when becoming awkwardly placed outside the heels of **CHEVREMONT**. R Myers was advised to exercise care when shifting ground

BRAVE KAT raced handy but when placed under pressure passing the 200 metres failed to respond and was not persevered with for the remainder of the race. Rider R Hutchings had no excuse for the performance of **BRAVE KAT**. The stewards ordered a post-race veterinary examination which revealed the gelding sustained a minor laceration to the right front pastern.

Race 4 Brian Darth Funeral Services Maiden 1600

PANTANA was crowded shortly after jumping away due to movement from runners either side.

Passing the 450 metres **RATHGAR** had to steady when awkwardly placed inside the heels of **WAIKIRIKIRI** which lay inwards. **EFFECTAV** (V Johnston) had to be straightened on several occasions in the final straight when laying in under pressure. **PANTANA** was not persevered with over the final 250 metres. Rider K Smith could offer no tangible explanation for the mare's performance. A post-race veterinary examination of **PANTANA** revealed a respiratory infection.

Race 5 Tui Breweries 3YO Maiden 1480

SMOKED was inclined to get its head up for a short distance with the rider becoming briefly unbalanced after jumping away.

JEWEL OF THE NAKI was slow away.

DAL DUNVEGAN had to be firmly restrained off the heels of **DONLEE** passing the 1300 metres and then continued to over race for some distance.

SMOKED race wide without cover throughout.

ENORMAS (B Lammas) hung out around the final bend.

Race 6 Aitken Transport/McDonalds Real Estate Maiden 1480

LILLY PINS was buffeted for a short distance after the start between HABITUDE and MOJO.

STUNT MAN shifted out leaving the barriers contacting the hind quarters of **CRYSTAL SECRET** which resulted in M Dee momentarily becoming unbalanced.

ESSENCE OF COOL was slow to begin.

KALDOREI was inclined to get its head up when being restrained near the 1100 metres.

OUR BOI MAX raced wide without cover until near the 1000 metres.

Passing the 150 metres **HABITUDE** when shifting out off the heels of **LILLY PINS** to obtain clear running, made slight contact with **KALDOREI** (D Turner).

Passing the 100 metres HABITUDE and LILLY PINS came together when both runners shifted ground.

Race 7 Hooker Pacific Stratford Cup Open Handicap 2000

K Chiong replaced K Smith on JUST ISHI.

BLOOD BROTHA and **MENDOZA** were slow to begin.

JUST ISHI raced wide without cover from 1000 metres.

Passing the 300 metres **PUMP UP THE VOLUME** when shifting out to obtain clear running made contact with **MENDOZA** which was then briefly held up.

WANABEFAMOUS lay in under pressure in the final straight.

DUBAI BELLE which finished beyond mid field, travelled well in the early and middle stages and when passing the 200 metres was placed under pressure and failed to respond. Rider D Bradley stated in his opinion the mare travelled indifferently throughout but was unable to offer any other reason. A post-race veterinary examination of **DUBAI BELLE** failed to reveal any abnormality.

Race 8 Fritz Reuter Immigrants/Craig Robinson Farm R65 1600

I SUGGEST was slow away.

DOING TIME raced fiercely in the early and middle stages and shifted out off heels passing the 1100 metres taking **FREELINKS** wider on the track. **DOING TIME** then was obliged to race wide for the remainder of the race.

CHOPPER was briefly held up passing the 300 metres having to shift out across the heels of **DOING TIME** to obtain clear running.

SECONDS OUT (B Lammas) was held up until near the 200 metres having to shift out across the heels of **HOSTAGE** to obtain clear running.

Trainer of **CHOPPER** wished to view the video as to lodging a protest against the 2nd placed horse **FREELINKS** which shifted in slightly over the final 75 metres, but elected not to proceed.