STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Racing Rotorua Date: Wednesday 21 January 2015

Weather: Fine
Track: Dead(4)
Rail: True

Stewards: J Oatham (Chairman), W Robinson, B Jones

Typist: P Laboyrie

GENERAL:

D Nolan did not attend the meeting as he was feeling the effects of wasting and had become dehydrated given the hot weather conditions.

SUPPLEMENTARY:

Auckland Racing Club - Saturday 10 January 2015

Race 1 - Fireworks @ Karaka Million 3YO

An appeal had been lodged by jockey S Collett against the decision of the raceday Judicial Committee in finding a breach of careless riding to be proven. At an appeal hearing at Ellerslie Racecourse on Tuesday 20 January 2015 an Appeals Tribunal dismissed Miss Collett's appeal awarding costs of \$350 to the JCA and \$150 to the RIU.

Race 9 - Auckland Co-Op Taxis 2100

An adjourned inquiry was heard at Ellerslie Racecourse on Tuesday 20 January 2015 with rider D Johnson admitting an amended charge of careless riding with the Judicial Committee imposing a suspension of Miss Johnson's license to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Sunday 25 January until the conclusion of racing on Friday 6 February, 8 riding days, and in addition imposed a fine of \$1,000.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing: ESKABAR, STARBUX, STACCATO, DESTERRO, VIVIANO, HIGH SOCIETY, BLUE WAGON, PRIVATE

HERO

Suspensions: Nil
Protests: Nil

Fines: Race 7 Ms H Birch BLUE WAGON

\$500 [Rule 614(2)] Omitted lead bag when saddling

Warnings: Nil
Bleeders: Nil
Horse Actions: Nil

Medical Certificates: Required from J Oliver prior to riding next

Rider Changes: Race 4 MALINA – M Cameron for D Nolan (unwell)

8 HIGHLANDER – P Holmes for D Nolan

Late Scratchings: Race 2 ODIN'S CHOICE – at 11.20 am

8 SACRED TRUST – at 5.43 pm on vet advice

8 **COVERED 'N BAY** – at 5.43 pm on vet advice

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	ROTORUA CUP-SAT 9 MAY '2200'
ZEDPAK (D Johnson) blundered on jumping away losing ground.	
CRIMSON PRINCE (T Abel) had to be restrained off the heels of EVEN BETTER (R Hannam) near the 2000 metres.	
Race 2	PARROTS ON HINEMOA '1200'
ODIN'S CHOICE was a late scratching at 11 20 am as it was showing signs of lameness	

ROC'S ARE DIAMONDS (L Magorrian) was slow to begin before being placed in restricted room for a short distance when **STARBUX** (M Coleman) shifted inwards leaving the barriers.

ASTRID (M Cameron) jumped away awkwardly, raced wide and hung outwards throughout. When questioned M Cameron was unable to offer any excuses for the filly's disappointing performance, but was of the opinion that it may now benefit from a let-up.

Race 3 RUCK N MAUL SPORTS BAR '1200'

WILLING SPIRIT (L Magorrian) and MELODY CELEBRE (R Hannam) were slow to begin.

PACHENKO (A Jones) jumped away awkwardly losing ground.

DONNIE BRASCO (S McKay) raced wide without cover until near the 600 metres.

WILLING SPIRIT made contact with the running rail approaching the 200 metres when struck with the whip.

Race 4 COPTHORNE HOTEL ROTORUA '1560'

CULLCH FORTY FIVE (R Hutchings) was slow to begin.

MERITAGGIO (D Johnson) jumped away awkwardly shifting in making contact with **SANTIAGO** (L Magorrian), with **MERITAGGIO** being steadied losing ground.

SALTED CARAMEL (T Thornton) raced keenly in the lead in the early and middle stages.

MERITAGGIO over-raced when being restrained near the 1200 metres.

HOT PROPERTY (M Du Plessis) was held up rounding the bend from the 600 metres until near the 300 metres.

SANTIAGO shifted outwards over the concluding stages making contact with **DESTERRO** (S Spratt) just short of the finish.

Race 5 WINDSOR PARK STUD 3YO

SOUTHERNMAN (R Hannam) was slow to begin.

LIPSIPSUC (M Cameron) raced wide around the first bend until improving forward to lead near the 1000 metres.

VIVIANO (S Spratt) over-raced in the early and middle stages having to be firmly restrained and shifting outwards to avoid the heels of **LIPSIPSUC** near the 1000 metres. **VIVIANO** then raced three wide without cover.

SKYSCRAPER (L Magorrian) raced keenly through the middle stages.

THE BEST MAN (R Hutchings) and SKYSCRAPER were held up for a short distance near the 400 metres.

Race 6 POMARE RACING STABLES '1560'

POETRY (M Du Plessis) and **THE DEPOSIT** (L Magorrian) were slow to begin with **THE DEPOSIT** losing considerable ground. **THE DEPOSIT** got its head up when racing keenly passing the 1200 metres.

CEE TEE ARE (A Taylor) raced ungenerously getting its head up approaching the 1200 metres making contact with the hind quarters of **CENTAROSE** (J Oliver).

LESLIE'S LEGACY (T Thornton) raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

BACK ON SONG (T Abel) raced wide without cover throughout.

A post-race veterinary examination of **MR MOSA** (D Johnson) which disappointed did not reveal any obvious abnormality. Rider D Johnson was unable to offer any tangible excuse advising that in her opinion the gelding may benefit from a let-up, with the stable representative confirming that **MR MOSA** was now likely to be spelled.

Race 7 VC'S TURF BAR '1400'

EYES OF LOVE (D Johnson), DEESSE DE LA MODE (R Hutchings) and RIDDLE (S McKay) were all slow to begin.

DEESSE DE LA MODE raced ungenerously in the middle stages.

DASHIN (T Thornton) raced wide without cover throughout.

Stable representative Ms H Birch admitted a breach of Rule 614(2) in that she had omitted the lead bag when saddling **BLUE WAGON** (M Cameron) with a fine of \$500 being imposed by the Judicial Committee. This error had been detected when **BLUE WAGON** was presented at plate inspection with the gelding then being re-saddled.

Race 8 MILLENNIUM HOTEL ROTORUA '1950'

When the starting stalls were activated the number one and two barrier gates being occupied by **APACHE MOON** (T Thornton) and **TUKAWA** (J Oliver) both failed to open. In addition **SELINE** (L Magorrian) was very slow to begin. With the inside two barriers having failed to open, along with the Starter being concerned that other barriers further out may have been slow to open the false start siren was deployed and a false start declared. All riders appeared to be immediately aware of the situation commencing to restrain their mounts within the first 100 metres. Once brought under control by their riders all runners were returned to the start to undergo veterinary inspections. Following these inspections **SACRED TRUST** (L Innes) and **COVERED 'N BAY** (B Hutton) were both declared late scratchings at 5.43 pm. **HIGHLANDER** (P Holmes), which had backed through a gate on the outside of the course prior to returning to the start, was also vetted from that perspective before being passed fit to run. Prior to runners being re-loaded the starting gates were tested on two occasions and found to be functioning normally. The race eventually started approximately 9 minutes late.

TUKAWA was slow to begin.

FROCK (M Cameron) and HIGHLANDER began awkwardly.

PRIVATE HERO (R Hutchings) over-raced near the 1600 metres becoming awkwardly placed inside the heels of **SINGLE SHOT** (M Hills) crowding **SISTERHOOD** (D Johnson) on to **TUKAWA** which had to steady.

ZED EM (R Myers) raced wide without cover until near the 1100 metres.

Passing the 1200 metres **PRIVATE HERO** when being steadied went back on to **TUKAWA** which when shifting outwards to avoid that runner's heels struck a heel of **HALONG BAY** (S McKay) and fell. Inconvenienced by the fallen runner was **HIGHLANDER**. Apprentice J Oliver was attended to by ambulance personnel and found to be suffering from concussion being transferred to Rotorua Hospital for observation and further evaluation.

SISTERHOOD commenced to give ground quickly approaching the 600 metres and was not persevered with being pulled up by its rider. D Johnson was of the opinion that the filly had swallowed its tongue and choked down. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

LIL MISS WAITOKI (M Du Plessis) was held up rounding the final turn near the 300 metres and did not obtain clear running until inside the final 100 metres.

HIGHLANDER was eased down in the final straight when well beaten. A post-race veterinary examination found **HIGHLANDER** to have an elevated heart rate.