STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Otaki-Maori Racing Club	Date:	Thursday, 26 May 2016
Weather:	Overcast		
Track:	Slow(9)		
Rail:	Out 7 metres		
Stewards:	G Whiterod (Chairman), J Oatham, B Bateup		
Typist:	S Shirriffs		

GENERAL:

SUPPLEMENTARY:

Nil

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	WRONG BELT; FOXY WOLF; THE ARK; GREY GURU; VITALIA; ITSAGEM; MISCHELT; ROYAL				
	SUCCESS.				
Suspensions:	Race				
Protests:	Race				
Fines:	Race				
Warnings:	Race				
Bleeders:	Race				
Horse Actions:	Race	1	HUNKY DORY – clearance required.		
		4	RIPDIDDLER – clearance required.		
Medical Certificates:					
Rider Changes:	Race				
Late Scratchings:	Race	3	RAM SAM SAM at 1.18pm on veterinary advice.		
		4	RIPDIDDLER at 12.33pm on veterinary advice.		

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	TUI, BACKING A WINNER SINCE 1889 MAIDEN (2100 metres)		
HUNKY DORY, EASILY DISTRACTED and INFOXICATED were slow away.			
WRONG BELT raced keenly in the middle stages before being allowed to improve to the lead passing the 1000 metres.			
A post-race veterinary examination of HUNKY DORY found the gelding to have ruptured a tendon in the left foreleg.			
Trainer Mr D Cunningham was advised that a veterinary clearance is required before HUNKY DORY next races.			

Race 2 CREATIVE CATERING 3YO MAIDEN (1200 metres)

DEEMICO was slow away.

GLENGOYNE had to be steadied away from the heels of **TAKE THE TRICK** when that runner was eased near the 900 metres. When questioned regarding the performance of **JAFFARI**, which finished well back, rider L Allpress could offer not excuse. Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary inspection of **JAFFARI**, which was clear.

Race 3 RIVERSTONE CAFÉ MAIDEN (1200 metres)

RAM SAM SAM was removed from the barriers after becoming fractious and declared a late scratching on veterinary advice at 1.18pm as it was lame.

KININMONT was slow to begin.

MAGICELLA over-raced for a short distance going into the bend near the 800 metre mark.

Race 4 HAUNUI FARM STALLIONS HANDICAP (1600 metres)

RIPDIDDLER was declared a late scratching at 12.33pm following a veterinary examination which revealed the gelding to be suffering from a respiratory infection. Trainer Mr D Cunningham was advised that a veterinary clearance is required before **RIPDIDDLER** next races.

BELLA'S DELIGHT raced keenly in the lead in the early to middle stages.

Rider J Parkes was unable to offer any excuses for the poor performance of **JACKFROST**. Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary inspection of **JACKFROST**, which was clear.

Race 5 NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES RACE (1400 metres)

EM KAY POPS jumped away awkwardly, losing ground.

HOLLYPOP was slow away.

HOLLYPOP over-raced when being restrained passing the 1000 metres. **HOLLYPOP** had to be steadied away from the heels of the weakening **MISS FINNERTY** near the 800 metres.

FUNNY (D Hirini) over-raced going towards the 800 metre bend and the saddle shifted forward, which put the rider in some difficulty and **FUNNY** had to race four wide for some distance because of this. **MISS FINNERTY** was under pressure with 800 metres to run and drifted to finish several lengths last. Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary inspection which did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr J Moeke was spoken to regarding the poor performance of **MISS FINNERTY**. Mr Moeke stated his intention to back the mare up at Trentham on Saturday and was advised by the Stipendiary Stewards that they would need to see some improvement in the mare's competitiveness.

Race 6 FERLAX @ HAUNUI FARM HANDICAP (1400 metres)

STEEL ROSE shifted outwards leaving the barriers crowding ROCKY RIDE on to BAD BOY BROWN.

STEEL ROSE skied its head and shifted in when being restrained, momentarily hampering **ITSAGEM** near the 1200 metre mark. **STEEL ROSE** continued to race ungenerously until settled in behind the leader near the 800 metre mark.

The winner, **ITSAGEM**, lay out under pressure over the final stages.

M Cameron (INTERSTELLAR) reported that the filly did not handle today's track conditions.

Race 7 CLARK & CO. REALTY MAIDEN (1600 metres)

CASH was crowded leaving the barriers.

KNUCKLEHEAD lay out when racing in restricted room near the 1300 metres making contact with the hind quarters of **DALE DOBACK**, which was turned inwards, resulting in KNUCKLEHEAD having to steady.

DALE DOBACK was inclined to lay in under pressure in the final straight, having to be corrected to shift outwards across heels near the 100 metres.

Race 8 OTAKI FIRE BRIGADE 25TH NZFS SNOOKER NATIONALS HANDICAP (1600 metres)

BEEBEE STAR was crowded leaving the barriers, losing ground.

BANG was slow to begin.

ROYAL SUCCESS over-raced in the early and middle stages.

Passing the 1400 metres **FAINT PRAISE (M Singh)** who was leading at the time, shifted in despite the rider's attempt to keep the mare on a true line and this resulted in **SILVER BLADE (N Teeluck)** having to be steadied and then shifted out to the outside of **FAINT PRAISE**. Rider N Teeluck advised the stewards that **SILVER BLADE** had continued to shift out to race wide on the track despite his attempts to straighten the gelding.

BANG was held up for a short distance early in the home straight. When able to secure clear running **BANG** finished well for 2nd place.

When questioned regarding the performance of CHOPPER, which finished well back, rider R Hannam could offer no excuse.