STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Ashburton Racing Club @Ashburton	Date:	Friday, 1 September 2017
Weather:	Raining		
Track:	Heavy (10), after Race 1 Heavy (11)		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	J McLaughlin (Chairman), A Coles, S Renault		
Vet:	Premier Equine Vets		
Typist:	C McMullan		

GENERAL:

All riders underwent workplace breath testing with a selection of riders also undergoing drug testing.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	LOCALLY SAUCED, ASTROTURF, HOU LA LA, RICHIE ROX, UPPERHAND, SCOOBY, INDY EVOLUTION, FORGED, REDESDALE		
Suspensions:	Race	8	J Lowry FORGED Shifting ground final straight – Suspended 2 days effective 2 September to 15 September inclusive
Protests:	Race	8	HIGH PLAY (2 nd) v FORGED (1 st) – Dismissed
Fines:	Rule	1 8	S Collett STANDREWS MASONIC Excessive use of the whip prior to the 100 metres [Rule 638(3)(b)(ii)] – Fined \$300 J Lowry FORGED Excessive use of the whip prior to the 100 metres [Rule 638(3)(b)(ii)] – Fined \$500
Warnings:	Race	3	J Morris HOU LA LA Excessive use of the whip prior to the 100 metres [Rule (638)(3)(b)(ii)]
Horse Actions	Race	5	UPPERHAND – Racing manners
Follow Up: Medical Certificates: Rider Changes:	Nil Nil Nil		
Late Scratchings:	Race	4	ZAVISTIC at 1.25 pm – Downgraded track
		6	HEART OF COURAGE at 1.25 pm – Downgraded track
		8	METASEQUOIA at 1.17 pm – Downgraded track

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	STACKHOUSE FARMING CO LTD RATING 65 HANDICAP (2100m)				
LOCALLY SAUCED (C Johnson) – Raced keenly in the lead.					

SWEET TIME (P Shaikh) – Steadied when awkwardly placed inside heels passing the 1600 metres.

STANDREWS MASONIC (S Collett) – Improved wide from the 900 metres. Rider **S Collett** admitted a breach of Rule 638(3)(b)(ii) for excessive use of the whip prior to the 100 metres with the Judicial Committee imposing a fine of \$300.

Following this race the track was downgraded to Heavy (11).

Race 2 TALLEYS RATING 75 HANDICAP (2100m)

PRECIOUS PERCY (J Morris) – Raced keenly for a distance passing the 1700 metres.

ASTROTURF (K Williams) – Improved wide from the 700 metres, lay inwards under pressure passing the 200 metres.

SPIDER LILY (L Allpress) – Steadied momentarily passing the 170 metres when ASTROTURF (K Williams) which was laying in shifted in. Rider K Williams was reminded of her obligations when shifting ground.

Race 3 SIM'S BAKERY MAIDEN (2100m)

HELL BOUND (R Yatim) – Began awkwardly and got back, reluctant to take a marginal run near the 350 metres. Apprentice rider R Yatim reported that in his opinion the mare was uncomfortable in today's track conditions and was rather one paced.

MOERAKI MIST (S Collett) – Got its head up when being restrained passing the winning post on the first occasion.

J Morris (HOU LA LA) – Warned for excessive use of the whip prior to the 100 metres.

Race 4 SIR COLIN MEADS THE LEGEND MAIDEN (1200m)

ZAVISTIC was a late scratching at 1.25 pm due to the downgraded track.

ON POINT (L Allpress) – Slow to begin.

TEEGEEVEE (C Campell) – Began awkwardly.

GALISINI (K Williams) – Shifted out abruptly at the start.

BELLS OF OUZELEY (T Moseley) – Raced keenly and got its head up on a number of occasions in the early stages, steadied when on heels passing the 800 metres, inconvenienced near the 300 metres when LEULUAI shifted ground. When questioned about performance, rider T Moseley could offer no tangible excuse other than being fresh up on a very testing track.

LEULUAI (A Collett) – Attempted a marginal run near the 300 metres and had to be straightened.

DRAPPIER – When questioned about performance, rider S Collett reported that the mare failed to respond when placed under pressure.

Race 5 ALL THE BEST GARETH MURFITT 3YO MAIDEN (1200m)

UPPERHAND (R Bishop) – Began awkwardly and got its head up when being restrained in the early stages, commenced to lay outwards passing the 200 metres and shifted outwards abruptly near the 50 metres having to be straightened. The connections were advised that a warning would be placed against the gelding's racing manners.

SMOKE 'N PUMPKIN (J Morris) – Raced wide throughout.

SHOCKAINE (D Prastiyou) – Got its head up when being restrained near the 1000 metres.

ACEKINGSUITED (K Kwo) – Inclined to lay out in the early stages of the run home and had to be straightened.

SEBRING'S DELIGHT (A Collett) – Raced greenly in the final straight.

MADAM SWISS (K Williams) – Steadied momentarily passing the 250 metres.

ALAN AND JOYCE MCINTOSH MEMORIAL MAIDEN (1200m)

HEART OF COURAGE was a late scratching at 1.25 pm due to the downgraded track.

The start of this race was delayed due to MOYRABELLA, LARUNDEL and SCOOBY all proving difficult to load.

LARUNDEL (R Bishop) – Hampered shortly after the start and got back.

SCOOBY (J Lowry) – Slow to begin.

Race 6

BEAVER LAS VEGAS (T Moseley) – Raced keenly in the early stages.

MOYRABELLA (A Collett) – Raced keenly for a distance passing the 800 metres.

OUR NINA (D Prastiyou) – Lay inwards throughout the home straight with the rider swapping whip hands near the 150 metres, continued to lay inwards and had to be straightened over the concluding stages.

Race 7 SOUTH RAKAIA HOTEL RATING 65 HANDICAP SPRINT (1200m)

PINZANO (S Wahab) – Began awkwardly, raced keenly in the early stages and shifted outwards off the heels of INDY EVOLUTION passing the 1000 metres and hampered **DARKSEID**.

DARKSEID (A Collett) – Slow to begin, hampered near the 1000 metres. Rider A Collett reported that the mare failed to handle today's testing track conditions. A post race veterinary inspection did not reveal any obvious abnormalities. Rider A Collett was reminded of her obligations when using the whip on a runner out of contention.

TRAVEL WISE (T Jonker) – Raced wide throughout.

INDY EVOLUTION (A Morgan) – Raced in restricted room in the home straight until approaching the 150 metres when shifting inwards to obtain clear running.

Race 8 FIONA STUART RETIREMENT MAIDEN (1600m)

METASEQUOIA was a late scratching at 1.17 pm due to the downgraded track.

SUNSET GIRL (K Williams) – Slow to begin.

FORGED (J Lowry) – Lay out throughout the final straight, made brief contact with HIGH PLAY inside the 50 metres and continued to lay out over the concluding stages. Apprentice rider J Lowry defended a charge of careless riding and after hearing evidence and submissions the Judicial Committee upheld the charge and suspended apprentice J Lowry's licence to ride at race meetings for 2 days effective 2 September to 15 September (inclusive). Apprentice rider J Lowry admitted a breach of excessive use of the whip prior to the 100 metres with the Judicial Committee imposing a fine of \$500.

HIGH PLAY (D Prastiyou) – Brushed with FORGED (J Lowry) near the 50 metres after being continually forced over extra ground throughout the final straight. The connections lodged a protest claiming interference by 1st placed runner FORGED (J Lowry). After hearing submissions the Judicial Committee dismissed the protest.

Race 9 RD PETROLEUM RATING 65 HANDICAP (1600m)

VICTORYSHALLBEMINE (T Moseley) – Slow to begin.

FIRST OF A KIND (L Callaway) – Slow to begin.

REDESDALE (L Allpress) – Raced wide throughout. When questioned about the improved performance the connections advised that the gelding had appreciated the looser nature of today's track.

MINUTES TO MIDNITE (S Collett) – When questioned regarding performance, rider S Collett advised that the gelding failed to handle the prevailing track conditions. Post race veterinary inspection revealed no abnormalities.