STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Wellington Racing Club Date: Saturday 9 December 2017

Weather: Overcast

Track: Dead (4), Upgraded to Good (3) effective Race 3

Rail: True

Stewards: J Oatham (Chairman), N Goodwin, D Balcombe, B Bateup

Vet: K McKinlay BVSc, E Simpson BVSc

Typist: S Shirriffs

SUMMARY:

Swabbing: GIFT OF POWER; HIGH SPIRITS; XPRESSION; ESPUMOSO; SMOKIN' OAK; STRATOCASTER;

MASTER PAT; EAGLE BAY; KAWI; CONSENSUS; SOPHIA ROSA; SERAPHIM.

Suspensions: Race 2 H Andrew STORMY HABIT

Excessive use of whip [Rule 638(3)(b)(ii)] Suspended 17-23/12 incl, 6 days)

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2 L Hemi CHOUX PLAY

Careless riding 500 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 17-22/12 incl, 5 days

7 **D Johnson** DEVIL MAY CARE

Careless riding 1200 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 17-22/12 incl, 5

days).

Protests: Nil

Fines: Race 2 Trainer K Myers KATIEM MARIE

\$50 [Rule 537(a)] Late declaration of rider

Warnings: Race 6 A Chan MASTER PAT

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

7 T Johnson HOIST

Shifting ground 350 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)

Horse Actions: Nil

Follow Up: Race 5 WILLIAM WALLACE

8 MISS WILSON

Medical Certificates: Nil

Rider Changes: Race 1 CELEBRATEDACHIEVER - S Collett replaced R Elliot (flight delay)

Late Scratchings: Nil

GENERAL:

No issues to report.

SUPPLEMENTARY:

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Race 2 - Nulook Aluminium Maiden

L Hemi - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that she permitted her mount CHOUXPLAY to shift outwards passing the 500 metres when not sufficiently clear of PENZERO (D Johnson) which was checked. After hearing submissions

the Judicial Committee suspended Ms Hemi's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Saturday, 16 December until the conclusion of racing on Friday, 22 December (5 national riding days).

Race 7 - Summit Refrigeration + Air Conditioning Maiden

D Johnson - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that she permitted her mount DEVIL MAY CARE to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear of TITANIUM JACK (S Weatherley) which clipped a heel and blundered near the 1200 metres. After hearing submissions the Judicial Committee suspended Ms Johnson's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Saturday, 16 December until the conclusion of racing on Friday, 22 December (5 national riding days).

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 KAMADA PARK PREMIER (1000 metres)

CELEBRATEDACHIEVER - S Collett replaced R Elliot (flight delay). Brushed with BALLYBAY over final stages.

EUPHORIA (J Parkes) - Bumped with MELS EVIE shortly after the start, settling back.

MELS EVIE (A Chan) - Bumped shortly after the start.

BALLYBAY (H Andrew) - Hung throughout. Lay out in the home straight brushing with CELEBRATEDACHIEVER on a couple of occasions over the final stages.

Race 2 FASTTRACK INSURANCE 'CHALMERS TWO MILE PREMIER' (3200 metres)

KATIEM MARIE (S MacNab) - Slow away.

H Andrew (STORMY HABIT) - Admitted a breach of Rule 638(3)(b)(ii) in that she used the whip excessively prior to the 100 metres being suspended by the Judicial Committee from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 16 December until the conclusion of racing on Saturday 23 December, 6 National riding days.

Race 3 RANDWICK MEATS WAKEFIELD CHALLENGE STAKES Group II (1200 metres)

LITE MY CIGAR (D Johnson) - Bumped start when KING LOUIS jumped outwards.

KING LOUIS (D Turner) - When questioned regarding performance rider was of the opinion that the colt may appreciate some easing of the ground.

BIT LIPPY (J Parkes) - Steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of FLAUNT IT GIRL approaching the 400 metres, then being held up for a distance.

Track conditions were upgraded to Good (3) effective Race 3.

Race 4 BOYS GET PAID LOVE AFFAIR WITH TED 3YO PREMIER (1400 metres)

PLATINUM VOLOS (M Cameron) - Slow away (3L).

SMOKIN' OAK (S Collett) - Raced keenly getting its head up in the early stages.

ROCK ON WOOD (R Elliot) - Made contact with ALL IN MANA when shifting outwards to obtain clear running passing the 200 metres.

ALL IN MANA (H Andrew) - Bumped passing 200 metres.

KIRKLAND (R Myers) - When questioned regarding performance rider was unable to offer any excuses. A post-race veterinary inspection did not reveal any obvious abnormalities.

Race 5

HIREMASTER PREMIER (1400 metres)

MORSE CODE (T Johnson) - Slow away.

STRATOCASTER (D Bradley) - Held up rounding the home turn having to be angled outwards across heels to gain clear running passing the 300 metres. When questioned regarding improved performance, co-trainer E Browne advised that the gelding had been very unlucky two starts back when resuming from a spell and at its most recent start had over-raced badly with a change of bit made for today, adding that she had been confident of the gelding's chances.

WILLIAM WALLACE (R Myers) - Held up from the 400 metres making contact with SCANDALO when improving into a narrow run near the 300 metres, when questioned regarding performance, rider was unable to offer any excuses with a post-race veterinary inspection finding the gelding to be mildly lame in the right foreleg.

SCANDALO (C Johnson) - Bumped 300 metres.

Race 6

THE INFORMANT PREMIER (1600 metres)

SUFFIGN (S Collett) - Underwent a pre-race veterinary inspection after making contact with a fence in the enclosure.

BANSTEAD (M Coleman) - Began awkwardly.

MADAM MAKFI (H Andrew) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

MALTESE RUBY (D Johnson) - Contacted PLAY THE FIELD when improving in restricted room passing the 400 metres.

PLAY THE FIELD (M Cameron) - Commenced to over-race when being restrained passing the 1200 metres, bumped passing 400 metres.

HOLLYPOP (J Parkes) - Tightened at the start settling back.

MASTER PAT (A Chan) - Held up for a short distance entering the final straight.

A Chan (MASTER PAT) - Issued with a warning for his whip use prior to the 100 metres.

Race 7

JACK DOIG LOVED HIS RACING PREMIER (1400 metres)

B Trainer T Bambry was spoken to regarding the late declaration of a rider for BUSHFIRE with his explanation being accepted on this occasion.

RING TO THE BLOCK (L Hemi) - Underwent a veterinary inspection prior to the start after making contact with a fence leaving the enclosure being passed fit to run, jumped away awkwardly.

BUSHFIRE (R Elliott) - Raced ungenerously when being restrained bumping AWATANE passing the 1200 metres then made the bend near the 1000 metres awkwardly, shifting outwards dictating ABBEY ROAD wider on the track, hampered 300 metres.

ABBEY ROAD - (J Parkes) - Raced keenly in the early stages, dictated wider on the track passing the 1000 metres then raced wide for the remainder of the race, when questioned regarding performance rider advised that after travelling wide during the running the gelding had been unable to finish the race off, returned to the enclosure with blood present in the mouth undergoing a veterinary inspection which did not reveal any significant abnormality other than a small wound on the tip of the tongue.

EAGLE BAY (R Myers) - Lost near side front plate during the running.

HOIST (T Johnson) - Raced three wide without cover, held up early in the final straight and when shifting outwards to obtain clear running near the 350 metres hampered BUSHFIRE. Rider **T Johnson** was issued with a warning.

RUSTY IN MELBOURNE (M Tanaka) - Had difficulty obtaining clear running until near the 150 metres then had to be steadied over the concluding stages to avoid the heels of MARGOT which shifted outwards under pressure.

DEEDEE PANACHE (M Coleman) - When questioned regarding performance rider was of the opinion that the mare may appreciate some easing of the ground.

Race 8 RYDGES WELLINGTON CAPTAIN COOK STAKES (1600 metres)

CONSENSUS (R Myers) - Jumped away awkwardly settling back.

KAWI (J Waddell) - Raced in restricted room approaching the 1200 metres having to be restrained.

CHOCANTE (D Johnson) - Crowded leaving the barriers, raced wide in the early stages until allowed to improve forward to sit outside the leader passing the 1000 metres, had a tendency to lay out under pressure in the final straight with rider advising that the gelding would appreciate some easing of the ground.

SON OF MAHER (C Johnson) - Raced keenly in the early to middle stages having to be restrained off the heels of AUTHENTIC PADDY passing the 1000 metres.

COLDPLAY (J Parkes) - Held up behind the weakening MISS WILSON rounding the final turn having to shift outwards across that runners heels passing the 500 metres.

BENZINI (L Hemi) - Had some difficulty obtaining clear running in the final straight.

MISS WILSON (S Collett) - After leading was quickly beaten passing the 600 metres not being persevered with over the final 350 metres with the rider advising that she felt there was something amiss with the mare. A post-race veterinary inspection failed to reveal any abnormalities. Trainer J Bary advised that he would have further veterinary tests carried out on return to his stable and advise any findings.

SOFIA ROSA (M Coleman) - Made the final bend awkwardly when laying out and continued to have a tendency to lay out in the final straight.

Race 9 WOODRIDGE ESTATE PREMIER (1600 metres)

During the loading process SERAPHIM (D Johnson), CURIOUS (S McKay), ITELLYOUONETHING (M Coleman), CAPTAIN LINCOLN (S Collett) and DRAMATIST (A Chan) had been loaded into the barriers which then activated for no apparent reason. S Collett was dislodged from CAPTAIN LINCOLN which was recaptured after travelling a short distance. S Collett was uninjured. The other four runners were brought under control relatively quickly and returned to the start. All five runners then underwent veterinary inspections before being passed fit to run. Prior to the reloading process the starting gates were checked and found to be functioning normally. Representatives from the Starting Gates Consortium were shown footage and will conduct an investigation as to the cause of today's incident. As a result this race started approx. 8 minutes late.

TICKET CLIPPER (T Allan) - Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination being passed fit to start after rearing over behind the barriers. Rider T Allan was uninjured.

AMORATA (C Johnson) Slow away.

ITELLYOUONETHING (M Coleman) - Slow away.

KOLEE (S MacNab) - Raced three wide without cover for the majority of the race.

CLASSIC TOUCH (M Cameron) - Held up rounding the final turn.

H Andrew (THE BANDITO) - Spoken to regarding her whip use prior to the 100 metres.

JESSIEGEE (J Parkes) - When questioned regarding performance rider was of the opinion that the mare would be better suited by some easing of the ground.

CAPTAIN LINCOLN (S Collett) - When questioned regarding performance rider advised that the gelding had had to work early before getting to a position outside the leader passing the 1000 metres and had then been quickly beaten when placed under pressure.