

Additional Stewards Report



RACING SA

Monday 15 November, 2021

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT - Inquiry into the alleged conduct of Licensed Stable Employee/Trackwork Rider - Ronnie Bell, and Apprentice Jockey - Gary Lo at Morphetville Racecourse on Tuesday 9th November, 2021

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Stewards: J Petzer (Chairman), M Santoro, S Callanan & C Deakin.

Stewards today conducted an inquiry, following a report, which alleged improper conduct by licensed stablehand/trackwork rider Mr Ronnie Bell on the morning of 9 November, 2021, directed at apprentice jockey Gary Lo. Evidence was taken from Ronnie Bell, Gary Lo and jockey Callan Murray. Gary Lo was assisted at the inquiry by Mrs Briony Moore - the Racing SA Apprentice Academy Master. After considering the evidence, Stewards laid the following charges;

Ronnie Bell:

Ronnie Bell was charged under the provisions of AR228(e) - The particulars of the charge being that he engaged in conduct at track work, at the Morphetville racecourse, on Tuesday 9 November 2021, by directing comment at Gary Lo, which insulted Gary Lo on the basis of his race.

Ronnie Bell pleaded guilty to the charge and in determining penalty Stewards took into account Ronnie Bell's guilty plea, the seriousness of the charge, and also considered his record which disclosed prior offences under conduct related rules of racing. In the circumstances Stewards imposed a suspension of Ronnie Bell's stablehand/trackwork license for a period of 2 weeks to commence at midnight Monday 15 November 2021 and to expire at midnight Monday 29 November 2021. In addition Ronnie Bell was fined \$1000 of which \$500 was suspended for a period of 24 months provided he is not found guilty of a charge relating to conduct matters in that period.

Ronnie Bell was advised of his right of appeal.

Gary Lo:

Gary Lo was charged under the provisions of AR228(b) - The particulars of the charge being that he engaged in misconduct at track work, at the Morphetville racecourse, on Tuesday 9 November 2021, by directing foul comment (swearing) at Ronnie Bell when he spoke to him in relation to his handling of his horse.

Gary Lo pleaded guilty to the charge and in determining penalty Stewards took into account Gary Lo's guilty plea, the nature of the charge, and also considered his clean record in this regard. In the circumstances Stewards imposed a fine of \$200.

Gary Lo was advised of his right of appeal.

Johan Petzer
General Manager Integrity/Chairman of Stewards
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