

Additional Stewards Report



Monday 20 June 2022

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT – Mr. G Young & Mr. P. Medhurst

Stewards: M. Zarb, A. Hayles & B. Jarman (Cadet Steward)

Stewards concluded an inquiry on 20 June 2022 in relation to an incident involving Trainer, Mr. G Young and Owner, Mr. P Medhurst at the Strathalbyn race meeting on 20 April 2022. After considering the evidence taken from Mr. Young, Mr. Medhurst, Trainer, Mr. D Huxtable and other independent witnesses, Stewards were comfortably satisfied that:

- (a) between races 3 and 4, both parties were involved in an incident, which included a heated exchange of words, and whilst both parties were standing close to each other, with their peaks of their caps touching, there was no evidence of physical contact between them; and
- (b) the exchange was exaggerated by loud comments from Mr. D Huxtable in his attempt to separate both parties.

In all the circumstances, Stewards could not be comfortably satisfied that any charge of misconduct could be laid against Mr. P Medhurst, however Stewards were of the opinion that a charge, under AR 228(b), of misconduct, in respect of Mr. G Young was appropriate, the particulars of that charge being that:

Mr. G Young, on 20 April 2022, at the Strathalbyn racecourse, after an earlier verbal exchange in the weighing area of the Strathalbyn Racing Club, did approach Mr. P Medhurst in the horse stall area in an aggressive manner and engaged in a further verbal exchange, followed by him leaning in, or posturing in, towards Mr. Medhurst in a manner that could be interpreted as an attempt to head butt him.

Mr. G Young pleaded guilty to the charge. After considering his clean record under this rule, the period of time he has been licenced, his guilty plea and other circumstances, Stewards imposed a penalty of a \$500 fine. However, after taking into account mitigating factors, reduced the penalty to \$300, and further suspended \$150 of the \$300 for a period of 12 months, provided Mr. Young is not found guilty of a conduct related matter during that period.

Mr G Young was advised of his right of appeal under LR 33.2.

M Zarb
Acting Chairman
24 June 2022