

Additional Stewards Report



Stewards: - J. Petzer (Chairman), P. Ryan and E. Scott

Friday, 24 March 2023

WHITCHETY GRUB – Mr. M. White

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the result of the analysis of a post-race urine sample taken on Saturday, 29 October 2022 from the racehorse **Whitchety Grub**, which was presented to race in and competed in Race 2 – The David Loy Handicap run over – 2500m at the Morphettville Racecourse. Analysis of the sample disclosed the presence of ***lpratropium***, a substance prohibited under the Rules of Racing. Evidence was taken from Mr. M. White, the Trainer of **Whitchety Grub**, Racing SA Chief Veterinarian, Dr. T. Koenig, and Racing Analytical Services Limited Laboratory Science Manager, Dr. A. Cawley.

After considering the evidence, Stewards charged Mr. White under AR240(2) – **Charge 1**, the particulars being that as a licensed trainer and the trainer of the racehorse **Whitchety Grub** at all relevant times leading up to and including Saturday, 29 October 2022, he did bring the said racehorse to the Morphettville Racecourse where it competed in Race 2 the David Loy Handicap run over – 2500m, after which a urine sample taken from the horse, disclosed upon analysis the substance ***lpratropium***, which substance is a prohibited substance under the rules of racing. Mr. White pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining penalty Stewards had regard for a number of factors including the seriousness of the rule with which he was charged, individual and general deterrence, and the fact that Racing SA Stewards had provided notice on a number of occasions in recent years that offences in relation to prohibited substance matters may in future attract more severe penalties. In the circumstances Stewards imposed a fine of \$10,000, however having regard for mitigating factors, which included Mr. White's guilty plea, his good record and his forthrightness at the inquiry, Stewards reduced the penalty to a fine of **\$7,000** and further determined, having regard for Mr White's personal circumstances to:

Suspend \$3,000 of the fine for a period of 24 months (to apply to the period in which he holds a license) provided he is not found guilty of a charge relating to prohibited substances during that period.

Mr. White was also charged with a breach of AR104(1) – **Charge 2**, for failing to keep treatment records for horses under his control in the period leading up to 29 October 2022. Mr. White pleaded guilty to the charge. In respect of this charge Stewards imposed a fine of **\$500**.

Further, acting under AR240(1), **Whitchety Grub**, which was declared the winner of the race, was disqualified from this event, and the result of the race was amended as follows:

- 1st Hallaroste
- 2nd Yesugei (NZ)
- 3rd Happy Atom
- 4th Smiling Assassin
- 5th Epizeel (NZ)

Mr. White was informed of his right of appeal.

J Petzer
General Manager Integrity