THOROUGHBRED RACING S.A. LIMITED STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Report on Race Meeting held at Murray Bridge Racecourse by the Murray Bridge Racing Club on Wednesday, 11 January 2012

Stewards: G. Loch (Chairman), A. Hayles (HT), C. Deakin (M) & L. Smith (F) (Stewards),

M. Featherston (Deputy Steward) & Dr. R. Haensel (Veterinary Surgeon)

TRACK: Dead 4 WEATHER: Overcast

At 11.20am Stewards re-classified the track to Good 3.

RAIL: True

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
3	EAGLE BLUE	S. Price	J. Potter	Indisposed
4	BETTER ARK UP	"	L. Hopwood	"
7	CORNISH LAD	"	S. Cahill	"
8	UMA WAVE	íí	P. Gatt	"

RACE 1 : TERRY CRITCHLEY ACCOUNTANT / SABOIS 3YO RATING 0-68 HANDICAP – 1400 metres

BAREMEHTER (J. Holder) was slow to jump.

From the vicinity of the 300 metres BAREMEHTER (J. Holder) was eased out of the event. J. Holder, the rider of BAREMEHTER, explained that from the middle stages of the race he had considered the filly was uncomfortable in its action and appeared sore. He stated that its behaviour on pulling up indicated the filly was in pain and he had dismounted to allow it to be led back to scales riderless. BAREMEHTER was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities. Subsequent examinations of BAREMEHTER by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon revealed swelling to the near fore flexor tendon which required first aid. Mr. R. Jolly, the Trainer of BAREMEHTER, was advised that a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness was required for the filly prior to it being presented in a future official trial or race.

J. Toeroek, the rider of JAIPUR GEM, explained that he had been instructed to be on pace and if possible not to permit the filly to travel keenly. He stated he was content to trail the leaders in the early and middle stages however had commenced to niggle the filly to hold its position from the vicinity of the 600 metres and in the straight was disappointed in that it didn't let down in the manner he had expected. JAIPUR GEM was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

RACE 2 : BEAUCHAMP'S SHOE STORE / SABOIS DISTANCE MAIDEN PLATE – 2200 metres

MEADOWS BOO (J. Potter) jumped away awkwardly.

In the early stages of the event MEADOWS BOO (J. Potter) was inclined to race keenly and get its head up when being restrained.

In the vicinity of the 300 metres CROCODILE TEARS (T. Baker) was inclined to get its head up and shifted in abruptly becoming unbalanced.

RACE 2 : BEAUCHAMP'S SHOE STORE / SABOIS DISTANCE MAIDEN PLATE – 2200 metres (Cont'd)

T. Baker, the rider of CROCODILE TEARS was questioned regarding his use of the whip in the forehand manner prior to the 100 metres. T. Baker pleaded guilty to a charge under ARR.137A(5)(a)(ii) in that he used his whip in a forehand manner on more than five occasions prior to the 100 metres and was fined \$200.

RACE 3: BETFAIR MAIDEN PLATE - 1000 metres

Mr. S. Trenowden, the Trainer of LUCKY TOY which was reluctant to travel to the start, was advised a repetition of the mare's behaviour may lead to action being taken against it.

ROCK THE DARK SIDE (NZ) (J. Toeroek) reared as the gates opened and jumped away awkwardly.

LUCKY TOY (T. Pannell) was slow to jump.

SERBIAN CROWN (C. Lindop) jumped away awkwardly.

From the 700 metres SERBIAN CROWN (C. Lindop) raced greenly and was inclined to shift about.

In the straight THE BAY ROD (J. Holder) was inclined to lay in under pressure.

SERBIAN CROWN was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

RACE 4: AUSTRALIA DAY BEACH PARTY RATES / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE – 1400 metres

Shortly after the start SIR ANTHONY (J. Holder) was inclined to race greenly and shifted out brushing SMARTY WELLS (J. Toeroek).

In the early stages of the race SIR ANTHONY (J. Holder) was inclined to get its head up and be ungenerous.

Approaching the 1200 metres O'JAY (P. Gatt), which was inclined to lay in, shifted in abruptly. In consequence JOEY (W. Kerford), which was racing to its inside, shifted away and contacted the inside running rail.

In the vicinity of the 800 metres SIR ANTHONY (J. Holder), when racing three wide, was inclined to lay out and made the turn awkwardly.

Approaching the 700 metes O'JAY (P. Gatt) shifted out onto SIR ANTHONY (J. Holder) which was inconvenienced.

Approaching the 100 metres SMARTY WELLS (J. Toeroek), which had commenced to improve, had to be steadied away from the heels of UNO WHATS (M. Hoppo) as that gelding commenced to lose ground.

SIR ANTHONY was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

RACE 4: AUSTRALIA DAY BEACH PARTY RATES / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE – 1400 metres (Cont'd)

When questioned as to his reasons for angling back inside other runners after entering the straight, J. Holder the rider of SIR ANTHONY, stated the gelding had given him a difficult ride and from the 800 metres had hung out. He explained that consequently rather than tracking outside other runners in the straight, he felt SIR ANTHONY might benefit from the experience of having other horses to its outside and encourage it to run straight. Having considered J. Holder's explanation, noting its manners throughout the race as well as its approved gear, the Stewards accepted this explanation.

KLONDIKE LIL lost its near hind plate during the event.

RACE 5: MBTOTA RATING 0-68 HANDICAP - 1000 metres

BIGBADBARRY (T. Pannell) jumped away awkwardly.

In the straight THARROS (S. Cahill) was inclined to lay in under pressure.

When questioned regarding the apparent improved performance of AVALON, Mr. R. Jolly, the Trainer of AVALON, explained at its previous start at Morphettville the mare had lost its off fore plate and subsequently that hoof was inclined to be tender. He stated that although AVALON finished last out of eleven runners in that event, it had only been beaten seven lengths and had only conceded ground over the final stages. He said that the mare was fitter after its two runs this time in however the performance today confirmed in his mind that AVALON should be reserved for races over less than 1200 metres. The Stewards advised Mr. Jolly his explanation would be reported.

DIOPTRIC was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

RACE 6: MURRAYLANDS SECURITY RATING 0-68 HANDICAP - 2200 metres

BELMONT PARK which got its leg up in the gates after being loaded was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and ruled fit to start.

Approaching the 300 metres SULTAN OF SPEED (A. Patterson) was disappointed when attempting to improve between DUMOSA (C. Lions) and THE CATCHER (J. Holder) which rolled in.

Approaching the 100 metres C. Lions, the rider of DUMOSA, accidentally dropped her whip. C. Lions was fined \$50 for carelessness under ARR.137(a).

RACE 7: MURRAY HARVY JEWELLERS CLASS 1 HANDICAP - 1200 metres

On jumping away BICKER (M. Neve) shifted out abruptly onto ARCTIC CASH (S. Westover) which was hampered and lost its position.

RACE 8: MURRAYLANDS FIRE & SAFETY RATING 0-75 HANDICAP - 1400 metres

RISE ABOVE IT (W. Kerford) was slow to jump and shortly after was inconvenienced by SECRET VINTAGE (J. Toeroek) which shifted in.

OAKBANK HEIGHTS (L. Hopwood) raced three wide without cover throughout the event.

RACE 8 : MURRAYLANDS FIRE & SAFETY RATING 0-75 HANDICAP - 1400 metres (Cont'd)

Near the 1200 metres EXALTED PLEASURE (M. Hoppo) shifted in onto OAKBANK HEIGHTS (L. Hopwood) taking the gelding in onto LETHAL GAL (J. Maund) which became awkward when being eased off the heels of UMA WAVE (P. Gatt). M. Hoppo was advised of his obligations when shifting ground in future.

Near the 1000 metres TICKET TO VEGAS (S. Westover) became awkward for several strides and brushed the inside rail.

After entering the straight IRISH CHEER (C. Lindop) was obliged to steady away from the heels of OAKBANK HEIGHTS (L. Hopwood).

- P. Gatt, the rider of UMA WAVE reported he was concerned with the mare's action during the event. UMA WAVE was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.
- S. Westover, the rider of TICKET TO VEGAS, was questioned regarding his use of the whip in the forehand manner prior to the 100 metres. After considering his explanation S. Westover was charged with breaches of Rule ARR.137A(5)(a)(ii) in that he had struck his mount in excess of the use permitted and ARR.137A(5)(i) in that he had used his whip in consecutive strides on three occasions. S. Westover pleaded guilty to the charge. Considering the seriousness of the breaches, the Stewards adjourned the inquiry to a later date to permit apprentice S. Westover and his Master Mr. D. Balfour to present a submission in regards to penalty.

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES ():

Race 4 – SIR ANTHONY (unplaced)

Race 5 – DIOPTRIC (unplaced)

Race 6 – ULTRA SAVINGS (winner)

Race 7 - CORNISH LAD (unplaced)

SUMMARY			
FINES	Race 2 - T. Baker CROCODILE TEARS - Fined \$200 - ARR.137A(5)(a)(ii) (+2) - Whip Offence.		
	Race 6 – C. Lions DUMOSA – Fined \$50 – ARR137(a) – Carelessness in dropping whip		
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil		
REPRIMANDS	Nil		
SUSPENSIONS	Nil		
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 3 - LUCKY TOY – Warned - Reluctant to travel to start.		
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Race 8 into S. Westover's use of the whip prior to the 100 metres.		

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