THOROUGHBRED RACING S.A. LIMITED STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT

Report on Race Meeting held at Morphettville Racecourse by the South Australian Jockey Club on Saturday, 31 March 2012

<u>Stewards</u>: G. Loch (Chairman), M. Santoro (HT), A. Hayles (F) & S. Callanan (M) (Stewards), D. Southgate, M. Featherston & I. Dally (Deputy Stewards), Dr. P. Horridge & Dr. B. Agnew (Veterinary Surgeons).

TRACK: Good 3

WEATHER: Fine

RAIL: Out 8 metres entire circuit.

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
6	QUENCH THE THIRST		J. Maund	Late notification

RACE 1 : SPORTINGBET HANDICAP - 1600 metres

When questioned regarding the apparent improved performance by RIVER'S LANE Mr. D. Balfour, the Trainer of RIVER'S LANE, explained that the gelding's first two starts, this preparation, had pleased the stable however although RIVER'S LANE had continued to work well, his last two starts had disappointed the stable and in his opinion the gelding had not raced genuinely. He stated that at its previous run at Morphettville on 12 March 2012, RIVER'S LANE led but had been pestered at various stages of the race by TRIPLE TEE and in his opinion the easier run today plus the addition of blinkers resulted in an improved performance.

C. Lever, the rider of BOWERBIRD, explained that from the 800 metres he had looked to improve around the field however was concerned that to do so at that point, he would be obliged to cover ground and thereafter had improved inside runners. He stated that approaching the 500 metres he had attempted to shift out and try MAHMENTUM (L. Hopwood) however was unsuccessful largely due to BOWERBIRD not being comfortable inside runners. He stated that BOWERBIRD had finished the race off resolutely. BOWERBIRD was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

RACE 2 : STELLAR HOMES HANDICAP - 2038 metres

Mrs. N. Searle, representing Mr. G. Searle, the Trainer of STAKHANOVITE, advised Stewards that in recent starts the stable had considered the gelding might have lost interest and had not performed genuinely when sitting behind midfield and consequently given the apparent pace of this race she would instruct S. Cahill, if possible, to attempt to be more positive in the early stages of the race.

Near the 1700 metres RIGHT FONG (M. Pegus) was inconvenienced when momentarily tightened by WORLD RULER (NZ) (J. Potter) as a consequence of the gelding having to shift away from the heels of DIRTY ONA DRINK (T. Pannell) as that gelding was being restrained off the heels of STAKHANOVITE.

Approaching the 500 metres STAKHANOVITE (S. Cahill) was obliged to steady briefly when tightened between ARTFUL TERRA (L. Hopwood) which was taken out marginally by FRAACLASE (K. Walters), when improving, and DIRTY ONA DRINK (T. Pannell).

RACE 2 : STELLAR HOMES HANDICAP - 2038 metres (Cont'd)

From the 500 metres until after entering the straight, RIGHT FONG (M. Pegus) became held up when racing behind FRAACLASE (K. Walters) and inside ARTFUL TERRA (L. Hopwood).

Approaching the 200 metres ARTFUL TERRA (L. Hopwood) was obliged to steady when tightened between FRAACLASE (K. Walters), which rolled out marginally, and DIRTY ONA DRINK (T. Pannell), which rolled in.

DIRTY ONA DRINK was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

T. Pannell, the rider of DIRTY ONA DRINK, was questioned regarding his use of the whip prior to the 100 metres. T. Pannell 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 reprimanded.

S. Cahill, the rider of the sixth placegetter STAKHANOVITE, requested to view the official footage between the 650 metres and 350 metres. After doing so S. Cahill lodged an objection against ARTFUL TERRA (L. Hopwood) being declared the fifth placegetter, on the grounds of alleged interference between the 650 metres and 350 metres. The Stewards, understanding that the objection could not interfere with the official placings for first, second, third and fourth, declared Correct Weight prior to considering this objection. After considering the evidence, on viewing the official footage and acting on their own observations, Stewards *dismissed* S. Cahill's objection.

RACE 3 : CORNERSTONE STUD HANDICAP - 1100 metres

ZEN (A. Herrmann) was slow to jump.

OUT OF ORBIT (P. Gatt) jumped away awkwardly.

ROUGH DEAL (J. Bowditch) jumped away awkwardly and shifted in onto KINSELMAC MANNER (S. Cahill) tightening that gelding onto AERAISE (D. Tourneur) which was inconvenienced.

In the vicinity of the 700 metres BACK ON TRACK (J. Potter), which had commenced to race keenly, shifted about for some distance.

Approaching the 500 metres ROUGH DEAL (J. Bowditch), which commenced to race keenly and improved of its own accord inside the heels of OUT OF ORBIT (P. Gatt), was forced to check.

Inside the 400 metres ROUGH DEAL (J. Bowditch) was forced to steady off the heels of ZEN (A. Herrmann) which rolled out.

When questioned regarding the reasons for RIZIZ being permitted to drift back after commencing well, M. Neve explained that, although the gelding had raced forward in its previous preparation, at its two most recent starts RIZIZ had appreciated settling in a rearwards position. She stated that after beginning well she had permitted RIZIZ to drift back in order to obtain cover. Mr. K. Sweeney, the Trainer of RIZIZ, confirmed the apprentice's comment. RIZIZ was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities. The Stewards advised M. Neve the explanation would be reported.

AERAISE was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the colt to be lame in the near hind leg. Mr. J. Stephens, the Trainer of AERAISE, was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to presenting for a future trial or race.

RACE 4 : MARSH BREEDERS' STAKES - 1200 metres

Shortly after the start, TORMENTED (M. Pegus) knuckled for no apparent reason and shifted in abruptly inconveniencing FLYING SKIPPER (J. Bowditch) as that gelding was taken in onto DAYTONA GREY (C. Lindop) which was also inconvenienced.

Near the 800 metres FLYING SKIPPER (J. Bowditch), which was inclined to lay out, rolled out onto DAYTONA GREY (C. Lindop) which was inconvenienced.

After entering the straight ROAD TRIPPIN (P. Gatt) was inclined to lay in under pressure.

Inside the 200 metres ROAD TRIPPIN (P. Gatt) was obliged to alter course away from the heels of TORMENTED (M. Pegus) which had commenced to give ground.

From the 300 metres DAYTONA GREY (C. Lindop) was inclined to lay in under pressure.

P. Gatt, the rider of ROAD TRIPPIN, explained that coming back in distance the gelding was beaten for pace in the early stages of the race however approaching the entrance to the straight it commenced to travel well and at that stage he felt ROAD TRIPPIN was travelling as well as the eventual winner. P. Gatt stated that shortly after the gelding had shortened stride and thereafter had not felt comfortable in its action. ROAD TRIPPIN was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the gelding to be lame in the off hind leg and to have a cut inside the right hand cheek. Mr. S. Theodore, the Trainer of ROAD TRIPPIN was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to presenting for a future trial or race.

TORMENTED was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the filly to be short in its action on all four legs. Mr. M. Kavanagh, the Trainer of TORMENTED, was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to presenting for a future trial or race.

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

RACE 5 : MORTGAGE CHOICE MORPHETT VALE HANDICAP - 1050 metres

The start of this race was delayed owing to TASSIE GOLD being resaddled after Jockey, A. Patterson, reported a towel with which he weighed out was missing. A towel provided by the Starter was added to A. Patterson's gear.

PIXIU (J. Holder) raced wide throughout the event.

From the 400 metres until in the vicinity of the 200 metres SON OF A GUN (J. Potter) had difficulty obtaining clear ground when racing behind STRIDING SUCCESS (A. Herrmann) and inside TASSIE GOLD (A. Patterson).

Apprentice K. Bishop, the rider of KOODA WONDER, was questioned regarding her continued use of the whip when her mount was out of contention. K. Bishop pleaded guilty to a charge under ARR.137A4(c) and was reprimanded.

RACE 6 : MCEVOY MITCHELL RACING HANDICAP - 1600 metres

Mr. P. Stokes, the Trainer of JUST DISCREET which led at its last start through circumstance, advised Stewards that from the wide barrier he would instruct J. Holder to attempt to ride that filly quieter if possible to obtain a position mid field with cover in order to give JUST DISCREET every opportunity to run the 1600 metres.

RACE 6 : MCEVOY MITCHELL RACING HANDICAP - 1600 metres (Cont'd)

ALCOHOL (P. Gatt) jumped away awkwardly and shortly after was hampered by ROCK CULTURE (M. Pegus) which shifted out.

EXALTED MOMENT (S. Cahill) was obliged to race wide without cover throughout the event.

Approaching the 1200 metres QUENCH THE THIRST (J. Maund) was obliged to steady away form the heels of RICH PRIDE (A. Patterson) which shifted in.

After entering the straight MESHMAKER (C. Lever) was obliged to steady when tightened for room by LITTLE MISS BOURKE (J. Bowditch) which was taken in by ALCOHOL (P. Gatt). P. Gatt pleaded guilty to a charge of Careless Riding under ARR.137(a) in that he permitted his mount to shift when insufficiently clear and was suspended from riding in races for a period to commence at midnight on Sunday 1 April 2012 and to conclude at midnight on Wednesday 11 April 2012; a period of five (5) meetings.

Near the 300 metres LITTLE MISS BOURKE (J. Bowditch) was obliged to steady when tightened onto ST GABRIEL (T. Pannell) which was inconvenienced when tightened for room by ALCOHOL (P. Gatt) which initially shifted in and was then taken in by WARATONE (D. Tourneur). D. Tourneur was severely reprimanded and advised in future to only shift ground when his mount was sufficiently clear.

M. Neilson, the rider of NASSAU, reported that filly was inclined to lay out throughout the event.

T. Zanker, the rider of SOUTHERN INVASION, reported that the gelding was inclined to lay in throughout the event and in the straight proved difficult to manage. SOUTHERN INVASION was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported who reported the gelding to be lame in the off hind leg. Mrs. M. Ruberry, the Trainer of SOUTHERN INVASION, was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to presenting for a future trial or race.

RACE 7 : PRS CONVEYANCING HANDICAP - 1200 metres

KOSCIUSZKO'S SIDE (C. Lindop), MR GOOD CAT (S. Westover) and ROWDY ROCKER (M. Neve) were slow to jump.

When jumping away SCOUSE (A. Patterson) was inconvenienced when tightened between SACRED SNAADEE (J. Bowditch) which shifted in and TAJ MAHER (M. Hoppo) which rolled out.

GLACIAL MISS (M. Neilson) and SACRED SNAADEE (J. Bowditch) raced wide without cover throughout the event.

Inside the 600 metres KOSCUISZKO'S SIDE (C. Lindop), which had commenced to race keenly, was obliged to steady as it improved onto the heels of YOU DEE CEE (N. Rose).

From the vicinity of the 100 metres, when attempting a run between GRAND GINGER (P. Gatt) and LIKE BOLT (T. Baker), RHYNO CHASER (C. Lever) was disappointed by KOSCIUSZKO'S SIDE (C. Lindop) improving to its inside.

RACE 8 : FRED VELLA TYRES & CRASH HANDICAP - 1800 metres

WILLEGO (J. Potter) jumped away awkwardly.

WILLEGO (J. Potter) raced wide without cover throughout the event.

RACE 8 : FRED VELLA TYRES & CRASH HANDICAP - 1800 metres (Cont'd)

From the 1200 metres FALDANE (A. Herrmann) raced wide without cover.

Approaching the 200 metres MY EX MATE (S. Cahill) shifted out onto WILLEGO (J. Potter) which was inconvenienced.

IMPACT POINT was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the gelding to be lame in the near hind leg. Mr. J. Hickmott, the Trainer of IMPACT POINT, was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to presenting for a future trial or race.

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

ALLEZ TARA was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported who reported the gelding to be lame in the near hind leg. Mr. J. Croucher, the Trainer of ALLEZ TARA, was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to presenting for a trial or race.

GENERAL

RACE 5 : MORTGAGE CHOICE MORPHETT VALE HANDICAP - 1050 metres

Mr. G. Richards, the Trainer of TASSIE GOLD, was questioned regarding a towel being omitted from the gear in presenting that horse today. A Deputy Steward had located a towel described by A. Patterson on the stall rail. Mr. Richards could offer no explanation for the omission. Mr. Richards pleaded guilty to a charge of Carelessness under AR.140A in the presentation of TASSIE GOLD and fined \$200.

SATURDAY 24 MARCH 2012, MORPHETTVILLE RACE 7 : SLOANS SANDS MATRICE STAKES - 1300 metres

C. Lever, the rider of BAGMAN, was questioned regarding the celebratory gesture he made prior to the winning post. C. Lever pleaded guilty to a charge under ARR.137(c) and was fined \$100. In determining this penalty Stewards considered that C. Lever had not previously breached this rule.

PRE RACE SAMPLES (8):

Blood Samples were taken from the following horses for the purpose of TCO₂ testing:

- Race 6 MESHMAKER, JUST DISCREET
- Race 7 LIKE BOLT, READY THAT'S NOT IT, GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE
- Race 8 WATTO'S RACER, MY EX MATE, THE VISIONARY

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (12):

vinner) PIN (beaten fav)
OT (winner)
URE (winner)
SS (winner)
E (winner)

SUMMARY			
FINES	Race 5 - Mr. Richards – Fined \$200 - Carelessness in saddling for TASSIE GOLD - AR.140A.		
	MORPHETTVILLE - SATURDAY 24 MARCH 2012		
	Race 7 (24/03/2012) – C. Lever (BAGMAN) – Fined \$100 – ARR.137(c) – Celebratory gesture prior to winning post.		
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Race 6 – D. Tourneur (WARATONE) – ARR.137(a) - Careless Riding.		
REPRIMANDS	Race 2 – T. Pannell (DIRTY ONA DRINK) – ARR.137A(5)(a)(ii) [+2] – Whip Offence. Race 5 - K. Bishop (KOODA WONDER) - ARR.137A – Whip Offence.		
SUSPENSIONS	Race 6 – P. Gatt (GRAND GINGER) – ARR.137(a) – Careless Riding – From midnight 1/4/12 to conclude at midnight 11/4/12 - 5 meetings.		
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 3 - AERAISE - Vet Certificate of Fitness required prior to presenting for future trial or race – Lame near hind leg.		
	Race 4 - ROAD TRIPPIN – Vet Certificate of Fitness required prior to presenting for a future trial or race - Lame in the off hind leg and cut to inside right hand cheek.		
	Race 4 - TORMENTED – Vet Certificate of Fitness required prior to presenting for future trial or race – Short in its action all four legs.		
	Race 6 - SOUTHERN INVASION – Vet Certificate of Fitness required prior to presenting for future trial or race - Lame in the off hind leg.		
	Race 8 - IMPACT POINT – Vet Certificate of Fitness required prior to presenting for future trial or race – Lame near hind leg.		
	Race 8 – ALLEZ TARA – Vet Certificate of Fitness required prior to presenting for future trial or race – Lame near hind leg.		
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil		

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