



THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED

ADDITIONAL STEWARDS' REPORT – MR. J.A. O'CONNOR

MORPHETTVILLE – TUESDAY, 26 JUNE 2012

On Tuesday, 26 June 2012 Stewards conducted an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding:-

- (i) The late presentation of the horse SALLUM into the mounting yard for Race 1 at Gawler on Wednesday, 25 April 2012; and
- (ii) The apparent failure of Mr. John O'Connor, the Trainer of the horse SALLUM, to comply with a proper direction of the Stewards to attend the Stewards' room on that day.

Mr. O'Connor did not attend the inquiry and the matter was heard in his absence. The Panel considered evidence from Stewards who officiated at Gawler on Wednesday, 25 April 2012.

In the circumstances:-

- (1) Mr. O'Connor was found guilty of a charge under ARR.124 for presenting SALLUM in the mounting yard later than fifteen minutes prior to the advertised starting time for Race 1 at Gawler. In respect of penalty, Stewards imposed a **reprimand**.
- (2) Mr. O'Connor was found guilty of a charge under ARR.175(p) in that he failed to comply with a direction by the Stewards officiating at the Gawler race meeting on Wednesday, 25 April 2012 to attend the Stewards' room following Race 1. In respect of penalty, Stewards imposed a **fine of \$300.00**.

The panel also considered Mr. O'Connor's failure to attend the hearing on Tuesday, 26 June 2012, despite a direction provided to him by Stewards in this regard.

In the circumstances:-

- (3) Mr. O'Connor was also found guilty of a charge under ARR.175(f) in that he failed to attend this inquiry. In respect of penalty, Stewards imposed a **fine of \$1000**, of which **\$500 was suspended** for a period of twelve months on the proviso Mr. O'Connor is not found guilty of a breach of ARR.175 (f) in that period.

Mr. O'Connor was subsequently advised, in writing, of the decision of the Panel and of his rights of appeal.

J. C. PETZER

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS

JCP:et/T/Stewards/St Reports/2012/Add Report J A O'Connor – Gawler 250412

