## 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, 27 March 2013

**Stewards:** M. Santoro (A/Chairman), P. Matthews (HT), C. Deakin (F) & D. Southgate

(M) (Stewards), A. Quinton (Deputy Steward), Dr. P. Horridge (Veterinary

Surgeon)

TRACK: Good 3 WEATHER: Overcast

RAIL: Out 3 metres 840m to 430m, true remainder.

## RACE 1: SAMBEC SHEDS / SABOIS C,G&E MAIDEN PLATE - 1406 metres

The start of this race was delayed approximately seven minutes owing to a section of the running rail in the vicinity of the 1000 metres needing repair after falling due to the strong winds.

BIT OF A LAIR (J. Maund) and SET FOR A BUNDLE (J. Kah) came together and brushed on jumping away.

GRIGIO NOW (M. Neilson) raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

## RACE 2: HOTELIERS' RACE DAY - MAY 22 MAIDEN PLATE - 906 metres

The start of this race was delayed approximately two minutes owing to CHLOBOROUGH, which was fractious after being loaded, becoming cast. CHLOBOROUGH was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who ruled the gelding unfit to start. Acting on this advice, Stewards withdrew CHLOBOROUGH at 1.14 pm. DELTA FORCE, which was in an adjoining stall, became fractious and struck its head. DELTA FORCE was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who ruled the gelding fit to race. Mr. J. Dunn, the Trainer of CHLOBOROUGH, was advised the gelding would require to be tractable in the barriers in an Official Barrier Trial prior to accepting for a future race.

STRIKING EAGLE (T. Zanker) jumped away awkwardly and shifted out onto AKHABILL (J. Frew), which was hampered.

CON NOW (M. Neilson) and SUBELLA MIA (J. Bowditch) came together and bumped on jumping away.

ALABAMA MISSILE (P. Gatt) was slow to begin.

Approaching the 600 metres DELTA FORCE (J. Maund) improved onto the heels of ALABAMA MISSILE (P. Gatt) and in being restrained, shifted out abruptly and had to be eased off the heels of ALABAMA MISSILE and QUENCH (E. Boyd).

ALABAMA MISSILE (P. Gatt) made the turn in the vicinity of the 400 metres awkwardly and shifted out onto QUENCH (E. Boyd), which shifted out and away and had to be steadied off the heels of STRIKING EAGLE (T. Zanker), which held its line. As a result AKHABILL (J. Frew) shifted out abruptly away from QUENCH and made the turn wider.

Inside the 300 metres QUENCH (E. Boyd) was disappointed when attempting a tight run between the heels of SUBELLA MIA (J. Bowditch) and STRIKING EAGLE (T. Zanker) and had to alter course to obtain clear ground.

## RACE 3 : CARLTON DRAUGHT / SABOIS FILLIES & MARES MAIDEN PLATE – 1406 metres

LECHENAULTIA (M. Neilson) jumped away awkwardly.

Shortly after the start FITZGIBBONS (J. Holder) shifted in onto MO SEANS (T. Pannell), which was hampered when taken in onto ABSOLUTE ELEGANCE (S. Price), tightening that filly only MAPLE LANE (J. Toeroek), which had been taken out by HEART 'N' SPIRIT (A. Herrmann), which shifted out on jumping away. As a result ABSOLUTE ELEGANCE and MAPLE LANE were severely hampered and lost their positions.

LECHENAULTIA (M. Neilson) was inclined to lay out throughout the event and in the vicinity of the 1000 metres commenced to hang out and continued to do so for the remainder of the event. LECHENAULTIA was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities. Mr. D. Jolly, the Trainer of LECHENAULTIA, was advised the filly would be required to be tractable around a turn in an Official Barrier Trial prior to accepting for a future race.

- P. Gatt, the rider of DOTING (NZ), reported the mare did not feel comfortable in its action during the event. DOTING (NZ) was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the mare to be lame in the near foreleg. Mr. C. Graves, the Trainer of DOTING (NZ), was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to presenting for a future trial or race.
- S. Price, the rider of ABSOLUTE ELEGANCE, was questioned regarding his use of the whip in the straight. S. Price pleaded to a guilty to a charge under ARR.137A(5)(a)(ii) in that he used his whip on more than five occasions prior to the 100 metres and was fined \$200.

## RACE 4: BETFAIR / SABOIS 3YO MAIDEN PLATE - 1206 metres

TRANSFORMING (J. Toeroek) was slow to begin and shortly after was inconvenienced by NEW EMPIRE (S. Cahill), which rolled in.

JUST A SPARK (J. Bowditch) raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event and made the turn in the vicinity of the 800 metres awkwardly and shifted wider.

J. Bowditch, the rider of JUST A SPARK, reported the gelding had hung out rounding both turns in the event and laid in under pressure in the straight. JUST A SPARK was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

CONSULATE GIRL, which performed below expectations, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

## RACE 5: SPRY EARTHMOVERS RATING 0-62 HANDICAP - 1606 metres

On jumping away RUNALUK (J. Bowditch) shifted in slightly onto SIR READY (J. Holder), which was taken in and had to be steadied off the heels of CHESTER DOWNS (M. Neilson).

RISE ABOVE IT (T. Zanker) was slow to begin.

TREEOVUS (J. Potter) raced keenly in the early and middle stages of the event.

Inside the 200 metres SOUTHERN INVASION (P. Gatt) shifted in abruptly onto RISE ABOVE IT (T. Zanker), which had to be steadied momentarily.

HIGH VALUE, which performed below expectations, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

## RACE 6: D L & J L ECKERT EARTHMOVING RATING 0-68 HANDICAP - 906 metres

Acting on confirmed advice from Mr. A. Kallus, the Trainer of PIGALLE, that the gelding had scrambled in its float en route to the course and would be unfit to race, Stewards withdrew PIGALLE at 1.40 pm.

SHOT IN JEST (J. Matthews) jumped away awkwardly.

Shortly after the start MINNYMOO (J. Toeroek) commenced to buck for some distance, losing ground.

FRAABELLE (J. Kah) and MINNYMOO (J. Toeroek) raced wide without cover throughout the event.

Approaching the 200 metres WILDER WILDER (J. Bowditch) was disappointed when attempting a tight run between the heels of STATUE OF GLORY (W. Kerford) and DOUBLE DEALING (K. Bishop) and was unable to obtain clear ground until the vicinity of the 100 metres.

In the vicinity of the 50 metres UNFAITHFULLY (C. Lever) shifted out abruptly onto DOUBLE DEALING (K. Bishop), which was hampered. C. Lever was reminded of his obligations when shifting ground in future.

- C. Lever, the rider of UNFAITHFULLY, reported that approaching the 100 metres his reins had become entangled in the mare's mane.
- J. Toeroek, the rider of MINNYMOO, explained after jumping away well the mare commenced to buck, however, after regaining control, was forced to race wide without cover due to the formation of the field. He added that when placed under pressure in the straight, MINNYMOO failed to respond to his riding and he was disappointed with how it finished off the event. MINNYMOO was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities. Mr. D. O'Leary, the Trainer of MINNYMOO, was advised the mare would be required to perform to the Stewards' satisfaction in an Official Barrier Trial prior to accepting for a future race.

## RACE 7: SAMBEC SHEDS RATING 0-68 HANDICAP - 1406 metres

HENNY (M. Neilson) shifted out on jumping away onto TICKET TO VEGAS (D. Stra), which was taken out onto INCANDESCENT (J. Toeroek), which was inconvenienced.

P. Gatt, the rider of SAHARA SYMPHONY, reported the gelding may have got its tongue back during the event. SAHARA SYMPHONY was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

## RACE 8: R M BURFORD RATING 0-62 HANDICAP - 1206 metres

LOTS OF SMACKS (J. Bowditch) shifted out on jumping away, brushing LADY AKATAK (L. Hopwood) and then shifted back in onto ROAD TO FINNISS (E. Boyd), which was inconvenienced.

CRUZ'N NOW (J. Kah) was slow to begin.

ROAD TO FINNISS (E. Boyd) hung out from the vicinity of the 900 metres until the entrance to the straight, dipped on a number of occasions and was untractable. ROAD TO FINNISS was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities. Mr. T. Dansie, the Trainer of ROAD TO FINNISS, was advised a warning had been placed on the gelding in relation to its racing manners.

## RACE 8: R M BURFORD RATING 0-62 HANDICAP - 1206 metres (Cont'd)

MR CRANE (C. Lever) raced wide without cover throughout the event.

J. Bowditch, the rider of LOTS OF SMACKS, which performed below expectations, explained after being a touch slow into stride he was unable to take up a more forward position due to the formation of the field, however, the gelding had travelled well in the early and middle stages of the event. He added that due to his position in running, he elected to ride for luck in the straight, however, had difficulty obtaining clear ground when racing behind MR CRANE (C. Lever) and inside RESCUED (J. Matthews) and was unable to obtain clear ground until inside the 100 metres. LOTS OF SMACKS was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

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#### **GENERAL:**

# MORPHETTVILLE PARKS – SATURDAY, 23 MARCH 2013 RACE 5: HOLDFAST INSURANCE HANDICAP - 1950 metres

Stewards questioned J. Holder, the rider of HONG KONG MISSY, into his riding of the mare over the concluding stages. After considering his explanation, J. Holder was reprimanded and advised of his obligations under ARR.137(b) in riding his mounts out to the end of the race.

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## PRE RACE SAMPLES (6):

Blood Samples were taken from the following horses for the purpose of TCO<sub>2</sub> testing:

Race 1 GRIGIO NOW, KOODA CHANCE, BIT OF A LAIR, SET FOR A BUNDLE.

Race 5 RUNALUK, SOMESAY.

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## **ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (2):**

Race 4 – CAPTAIN SHARP (NZ) (winner)

Race 6 – RAISE A DREAM (winner)

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| SUMMARY             |   |
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| FINES               | Race 3 – S. Price (ABSOLUTE ELEGANCE) – Fined \$200 – ARR.137A(5)(a)(ii)+2 – Whip offence.  |
| SEVERE REPRIMANDS   | Nil   |
| REPRIMANDS          | Morphettville Parks – Saturday, 23/3/13  Race 5 – J. Holder (HONG KONG MISSY) – ARR.137(b).   |
| SUSPENSIONS         | Nil   |
| HORSE ACTIONS       | Race 2 – CHLOBOROUGH – Suspended – Required to be tractable in barriers in Official Barrier Trial prior to accepting for a future race – Fractious in barriers and became cast.  Race 3 – LECHENAULTIA – Suspended – Required to be tractable around a turn in an Official Barrier Trial prior to accepting for a future race – hung out throughout the event.  Race 3 – DOTING (NZ) – Not to race – Vet Certificate of Fitness required prior to trial or race – Lame near foreleg.  Race 6 – MINNYMOO – Suspended – Required to perform to Stewards' satisfaction in Official Barrier Trial prior to accepting for a future race – Bucked shortly after start.  Race 8 – ROAD TO FINNISS – Warned – Racing manners. |
| ADJOURNED INQUIRIES | Nil   |