THOROUGHBRED RACING AUTHORITY S.A. LIMITED STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT

Report on Race Meeting held at the Mount Gambier Racecourse By the Mount Gambier Racing Club on Thursday, 21 March 2013

Stewards: M. Santoro (A/Chairman) & C. Deakin (HT) (Stewards), R. Spillman, J. Foster

(F) & S. Bright (Deputy Stewards), Dr. D. Goulding (Veterinary Surgeon)

TRACK: Dead 4 (Downgraded to Dead 5 at 1.20 pm) WEATHER: Overcast / Rain

RAIL: True

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
1	OTYLIA	J. Beriman		Late notification
2	COCOMACOQUE	J. Frew	J. Kah	Explanation accepted.
6	APPLEBOTTOM	D. Tourneur	B. Carlile	Overweight
7	THE CASTLE (NZ)	B. Carlile	M. Walters	Doubly engaged
7	AFFECTIONATE ONE	M Walters		Late notification
7	AFFECTIONATE ONE	M. Walters	A. Power	Doubly engaged
7	AFFECTIONATE ONE	A. Power		Overweight
7	KIRVIC	D. Tourneur		Overweight

RACE 1 : COMMERCIAL, SPORTSMAN'S & CROWN INN HOTELIERS RATING 0-59 HANDICAP - 1200 metres

MR MINX (K. Post) was slow to begin.

JUST A CHAT (D. Tourneur) jumped away awkwardly.

Following this race, Stewards downgraded the track to a Dead 5 at 1.20 pm.

RACE 2 : PARK HOTEL / JOHN STAFFORD SNR MEMORIAL / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 metres

The start of this race was delayed approximately two minutes owing to SPACE TREK providing difficult to load. Mr. M. O'Leary, the Trainer of SPACE TREK, was advised a warning had been placed on the gelding in relation to its barrier manners.

GAV'S GIFT (S. Cahill) jumped away awkwardly and shifted out at the same time as QUEEN NEDIYM (P. Marks) shifted in, resulting in BELDALOU (A. Herrmann) being inconvenienced.

SPACE TREK (M. Neilson) jumped away awkwardly.

JUST A CHAT (D. Tourneur) raced wide without cover throughout the event.

SPACE TREK (M. Neilson) made the turn in the vicinity of the 900 metres awkwardly and shifted out onto ROCVILA (K. Post), which was inconvenienced.

Inside the 300 metres SPACE TREK (M. Neilson) shifted out to improve and brushed ROCVILA (K. Post).

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

RACE 2 : PARK HOTEL / JOHN STAFFORD SNR MEMORIAL / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 metres (Cont'd)

D. Tourneur, the rider of JUST A CHAT, explained he had to encourage the gelding in the early stages to take up a forward position, however, JUST A CHAT was reluctant to take up a position to the immediate outside of other runners and had laid out throughout the event. JUST A CHAT was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

RACE 3: BELLUM HOTEL / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1550 metres

The start of this race was delayed approximately two minutes owing to a gear adjustment to the saddle on CLARETAIN.

HELL'N'FORTY (S. Cahill) raced wide without cover throughout the event.

CURATA FIRE (C. Puls) was held up from the vicinity of the 700 metres until near the 400 metres when racing initially behind CLASS BEATS (J. Kah) and then HELL'N'FORTY (S. Cahill), which commenced to give ground.

LIFE'S A BUTTERFLY (P. Marks) had difficulty obtaining clear ground from approaching the 300 metres until inside the 200 metres.

RACE 4: BEACHPORT HOTEL RATING 0-72 HANDICAP - 1300 metres

THIRTY SEVEN MEGS (A. Power) jumped away awkwardly and raced three wide without cover throughout the event.

Stewards questioned A. Power, the rider of THIRTY SEVEN MEGS, in relation to certain aspects of her ride, in particular her decision to race three wide without cover when there appeared to be an option to gain a position with cover behind JESTA TIGER (Shayne Cahill) in the early stages and her choice not to use the whip in the straight. A. Power explained the instructions provided by Mr. W. Walters, the Trainer of THIRTY SEVEN MEGS, were to race three wide if possible as in his opinion that part of the track provided the better going and he had advised her not to use the whip as the gelding had resented its use in previous starts. A. Power was advised that although she was attempting to comply with the instructions provided, it was her responsibility to ensure that her mount obtained its best possible place in the field. Mr. Walters confirmed the instructions provided to A. Power.

STEELY RESOLVE, which performed poorly, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

RACE 5: MOUNT GAMBIER HOTEL 1862 RATING 60 & OVER HANDICAP - 1550 metres

Inside the 500 metres RETLAW LAD (A. Herrmann) was momentarily held up when awkwardly placed between the heels of MAGICAL SUNDAY (A. Patterson), which shifted out slightly, and SEASON OF FORTUNE (J. Kah), which held its line.

Correct Weight for this event was delayed to allow A. Herrmann, the rider of the fourth placegetter RETLAW LAD, to view the official footage from the vicinity of the 600 metres.

RACE 6: SCOTT GROUP OF COMPANIES RATING 0-65 HANDICAP - 2050 metres

FINAL FOLLY (A. Creighton) raced fiercely in the early and middle stages of the event and approaching the 1600 metres, shifted in whilst being restrained, contacting the hindquarters of ROBBIE'S LAW (J. Kah), which was hampered.

RACE 6 : SCOTT GROUP OF COMPANIES RATING 0-65 HANDICAP - 2050 metres (Cont'd)

In the vicinity of the 400 metres KURREWA (M. Walters) shifted out and contacted LEATHAL'S LEGACY (C. Puls), which was inconvenienced.

Approaching the finish MARY JO (K. Walters) laid in resulting in that rider having to stop riding and straighten.

- J. Kah, the rider of ROBBIE'S LAW, reported that after obtaining the lead in the early stages, ROBBIE'S LAW had lost its action for a short distance and she was required to ask the gelding for an effort in an attempt to maintain her position. ROBBIE'S LAW was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.
- J. Frew, the rider of NOTHIN LEICA FLASH, reported the gelding was inclined to lay out throughout the event and he had become concerned with its action on pulling up. NOTHIN LEICA FLASH was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

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

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

RACE 7 : CARLTON DRAUGHT RATING 0-59 HANDICAP - 1550 metres

As there were no riders on course who could make the weight for AFFECTIONATE ONE and KIRVIC, Stewards withdrew both runners at 3.55 pm.

TORRIDON (J. Frew), UNION REP (P. Marks) and SMALL PATCH (C. Puls) were slow to begin.

THE CASTLE (M. Walters) raced wide without cover throughout the event.

ALSETTE (J. Kah) had difficulty obtaining clear ground from the vicinity of the 500 meters until near the 200 meters when awkwardly placed between the heels of BRINKLEY BULLET (A. Herrmann) and SPLURGE (A. Patterson).

K. Post, the rider of ROYALS, was questioned regarding his use of the whip prior to the 100 metres. K. Post was charged with an offence under ARR.137A(5)(a)(i) in that he used his whip in a forehand manner on consecutive occasions prior to the 100 metres and 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. He pleaded guilty and was reprimanded.

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (3):

Race 1 – SIX STITCHER (winner)

Race 5 – STRIKE BREAKER (winner)

Race 6 – VIN DE VIE (winner)

SUMMARY			
FINES	Race 1 – Mr. J. McLean – Fined \$50 – LR.18.1 – Late declaration of a rider for OTYLIA.		
	Jockey D. Tourneur – Fined \$100 – ARR.120(b) – Overweight and having to be replaced on APPLEBOTTOM (Race 6) and KIRVIC (Race 7)		

SUMMARY (Cont'd)				
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil			
REPRIMANDS	Race 7 – K. Post (ROYALS) – ARR.137A(5)(a)(i) – Whip offence.			
	Race 7 – K. Post (ROYALS) – ARR.137A(5)(a)(ii) – Whip offence.			
SUSPENSIONS	Nil			
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 2 – SPACE TREK – Warned – Difficult to load.			
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil			

MS:et:MTG210313