

THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED

ADDITIONAL STEWARDS' REPORT – MS K DUFFIE

MORPHETTVILLE - THURSDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2013

Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the bona fides of the training of the racehorse RESENDA. Evidence was taken from Owner Trainer Ms K Duffie and registered stable hand/ track work rider, and part owner of RESENDA Mr C Hotchkiss. Stewards also considered evidence taken from both parties on Wednesday, 20 November 2013 at Morphettville Parks, the day on which RESENDA was declared a late scratching by order of Stewards. Evidence provided by Stewards at that hearing was also considered.

Ms K Duffie pleaded guilty to a charge under LR.11.5(a); the particulars being that as the Trainer of RESENDA, without the permission of Stewards, she entered that horse to race at Morphettville Parks on Wednesday, 20 November 2013 when the horse had not been trained by a licensed Trainer at all times during the 28 days immediately prior to 20 November 2013.

In determining penalty, Stewards considered Ms Duffie's clean record in this regard, her personal circumstances and her guilty plea. She was fined \$1000, however, Stewards determined to suspend \$600 of the fine for a period of twelve months on the condition that she is not found guilty of a breach of a similar Rule during that period.

Ms Duffie was advised of her right of appeal.

Stewards also advised Ms Duffie and Mr Hotchkiss that on a balance of probabilities, some evidence suggested there may have been an arrangement to facilitate the horse in question to be "trained" by Mr Hotchkiss while Ms Duffie would be held out to be the Trainer of the horse. Stewards were satisfied that the evidence did not support such an outcome in this case, however, both parties were cautioned that any breach of this kind would likely attract the imposition of a severe penalty.

J. C. PETZER <u>CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS</u> 19 December 2013 T/Stewards/StReports/2014/Add Report K Duffie RESENDA