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

#### Report on Race Meeting held at the Mount Gambier Racecourse by the Mount Gambier Racing Club on Thursday, 20 February 2014

<u>Stewards:</u> S. Callanan (A/Chairman) & M. Santoro (HT) (Stewards), R. Spillman, J. Foster (F) & S. Bright (Deputy Stewards), Dr. D. Goulding (Veterinary Surgeon)

#### TRACK: Slow 6 (Downgraded to Slow 7 at 1:20 pm retrospective to Race 1)

#### WEATHER: Overcast

# **RAIL:** True

#### **RIDER CHANGES:**

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
2	TON OF PRUSSIA	S. Westover	M. Neilson	Overweight

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# RACE 1 : MOUNT GAMBIER GOLD CUP PRELUDE / SABOIS 2UP MAIDEN PLATE - 900 metres

CHURCHILLA (D. Tourneur) was slow to begin.

ROCVILA (K. Walters) jumped away awkwardly.

PERFECT BITE which performed below expectations was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

# Following this event, the track was downgraded to Slow 7 at 1:20 pm retrospective to Race 1.

# RACE 2 : CARLTON UNITED / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 metres

On arrival on-course EUREKA HERO which was fractious in the float en-route to the course was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who ruled that gelding fit to race.

ACID FLO (D. Tourneur) was slow to begin.

TON OF PRUSSIA (M. Neilson) jumped away awkwardly and shifted in onto AFFLECK (C. Jones).

In the vicinity of the 300 metres ACID FLO (D. Tourneur) shifted out to improve onto FIVE AMIGOS (S. Cahill) which shifted out and away onto RENENET (K. Walters) which was forced to steady.

In the vicinity of the 300 metres BOYS ENTERTAINMENT (H. McKechnie) attempted a tight run between the heels of ACT OF FREEDOM (A. Herrmann) and EUREKA HERO (P. Marks) and in doing so made contact with the hind quarters of EUREKA HERO turning that gelding in, resulting in BOYS ENTERTAINMENT becoming unbalanced for a number of strides and as a consequence altering course to obtain clear ground.

Correct Weight for this event was delayed to allow H. McKechnie the rider of third placegetter BOYS ENTERTAINMENT to view the official footage in the straight. After doing so, H. McKechnie lodged an objection against EUREKA HERO (P. Marks) being declared the second placegetter alleging interference from the vicinity of the 300 metres to the vicinity of the 200 metres. After considering the evidence, on viewing the official footage and acting on their own observations, Stewards *dismissed* H. McKechnie's objection.

# RACE 3 : SCOTTS AGENCIES RATING 0-62 HANDICAP - 1200 metres

MAGIC NIELLO (D. Tourneur) jumped away awkwardly.

# RACE 4 : O'CONNOR & GRANEY / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1550 metres

VIDEO GAMES (NZ) (K. Wallters) was slow to begin.

ZIPPY LAD (A. Herrmann) was held up from the vicinity of the 400 metres to the vicinity of the 200 metres.

K. Bishop the rider of BLAZING CHILLIE reported her mount was reluctant to race from the vicinity of the 800 metres despite her efforts, and for this reason she had not ridden that filly out in her normal manner. BLAZING CHILLIE was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

S. Cahill the rider of SIR AVACAN reported that his mount travelled satisfactorily in the early stages and from the vicinity of the 800 metres he became concerned with its action and therefore did not ride the gelding our in his normal manner. SIR AVACAN was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

Correct Weight for this event was delayed to allow K. Walters the rider of the dead-heat winner VIDEO GAMES (NZ), to view the official photo for first.

# RACE 5 : TREVOR WHITE ENGINEERING SERVICES RATING 0-72 HANDICAP - 1400 metres

RAMSGATE (S. Cahill) was slow to begin.

TONS OF DASH (M. Neilson) had difficulty obtaining clear ground in the straight when racing behind MANAROLA MAGIC (A. Herrmann) and inside RAMSGATE (S. Cahill).

# RACE 6 : HEEMSKURK SECURITY RATING 0-68 HANDICAP - 2050 metres

BRING THEM ON (W. Kerford) was slow to begin.

Approaching the winning post on the first occasion CARBON CUT (K. Bishop) was forced to steady off the heels of BLUE HIGHWAY (NZ) (K. Walters) which had been taken in by NOTHIN LEICA FLASH (J. Frew). J. Frew was reprimanded and advised to take greater care when shifting ground in future.

In the vicinity of the 200 metres M. Neilson the rider of NULLARBOR accidentally dropped his whip when it was struck by the whip of J. Frew, the rider of NOTHIN LEICA FLASH.

Approaching the finish NULLARBOR (M. Neilson) was tightened between LEATHAL'S LEGACY (H. McKechnie) which shifted in and NOTHIN LEICA FLASH (J. Frew) which shifted out.

# RACE 7 : SOUTH EASTERN HOTEL PUNTERS PICK RATING 0-58 HANDICAP - 1550 metres

VIVA ESPANA (NZ) (M. Walters) reared on jumping away and as a result was slow to begin.

H. McKechnie, the rider of KING OF THE STORM. reported in her opinion the mare did not handle the underfoot conditions.

Correct Weight for this event was delayed to allow W. Kerford the rider of the second placegetter MR LAMBORGHINI and Mr L Cadzow that gelding's trainer to view the official photo for first.

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

Race 3 – GAV'S GIFT (winner) Race 4 – ELINES (dead-heat winner)

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SUMMARY			
FINES	Race 2 – S. Westover – Fined \$100 - AR120(b) – overweight and having to be replaced on TONS OF PRUSSIA		
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil		
REPRIMANDS	Race 6 – J. Frew – AR137(a) – careless riding		
SUSPENSIONS	Nil		
HORSE ACTIONS	Nil		
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil		

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